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Hi. "Weird Al" Yankovic here. You probably know me from that thing I did that one time. Plus, that *other* thing.

Anyway, as a fan of MAD since those days long, long, long ago, it's an enormous thrill for me to welcome you to issue #533. I'm told I'm the magazine's very first guest editor in 63 years — which, if I'm doing my math right, means they haven't had one since the early 1700s — cool!

Of course, being MAD's first-ever guest editor is a tremendous honor, but it's a major responsibility as well. It involves long, grueling days and late, sleepless nights and hour after hour of hard, unpaid work. Come to think of it, maybe I should have insisted on actually getting *paid*, but... hey, whatever. It's an *honor*.

I still can't believe they actually picked *me* for this job — out of everybody on the planet! I mean, I'm totally grateful, but... well, to be perfectly honest, off the top of my head I can think of several people who would be much more *deserving* of this gig. For instance, one of my best friends is arguably *funnier* and *more famous* than me... I wonder why they didn't ask *him* to be guest editor? Kinda *strange*... you know what, let me call him right now. Be right back.



Okay, I'm back. Well...this is a little awkward. Turns out MAD *did* ask him to be guest editor, but he turned them down because — I hope I'm remembering this correctly — he said it would be a "disastrous decision" and "ruin his reputation" and "make him look like a complete idiot." So fine, maybe I wasn't MAD's *first* choice. Hmm...tell you what, let me just text a few people. BRB.



Okay. Just checked with all the comedians I'm following on Twitter. They said they turned down working for MAD because they "enjoy having a career." This isn't looking good. Let me just do a little more research here. Don't go away.

WRITER: AL YANKOVIC ARTIST: HERMANN MEJIA



Whew! Back again. Okay, I just did a *whole bunch* of checking around and — long story short — I found out the *only* reason I'm MAD's first guest editor in 63 years is because I'm the first person in 63 years that was *stupid enough to take the job*. I need to get my lawyer on the phone *right now*. Hang on.



Ugh. I just talked to my attorney, and apparently I have a *binding oral contract* or something and I can't get out of this, so...fine. FINE. You win, MAD. I'll BE your stinking guest editor! I'll edit the crap out of this issue, if it's the last thing I do! And knowing the effect this'll have on my career, I'm guessing it *WILL* be the last thing I do!

Why didn't my manager warn me about this? Fired. He's so FIRED, you hear me? EVERYBODY'S FIRED!!!



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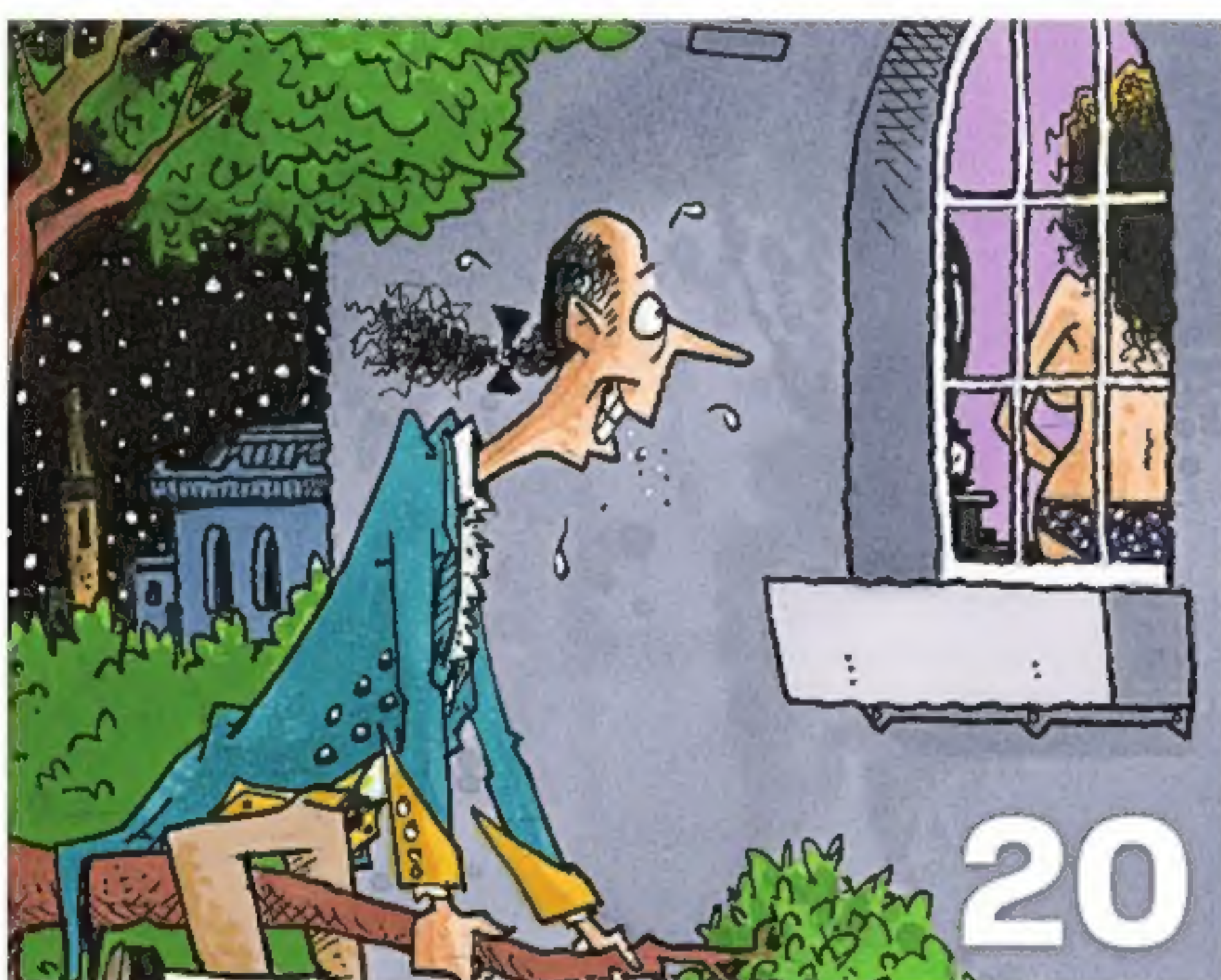
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Letters and Tomatoes

Answered by
Weird Al!



HIRSUTE YOURSELF

I've been a fan of you ever since I was a young kid (I am now 26 years old). You've been an inspiration to many and a god to parody music. However, I miss your mustache. Can you bring that back in style?

Rachel "Rocky" Powell • Macomb Township, MI

My facial hair comes and goes of its own free will — I'm afraid it's completely beyond my control. Sometimes I wake up with a full beard, other times I roll out of bed clean-shaven — it's bizarre! Why, just in the time it's taken to write this response, I've grown and lost two hipster goatees! —Weird Al

CALM BEFORE THE DORM

My father-in-law, who's name is Brad Burns, says he shared a room with you in college, and that you were a cool guy. Do you remember him? Hope you can answer this! Thanks!

Raul Cantu • Fresno, CA

Brad Burns? Oh yeah — of course I remember Brad! He was the guy who was always LYING ABOUT BEING MY ROOMMATE IN COLLEGE! —Weird Al

BROOCHING THE SUBJECT

In October of 1999 you were playing a concert in Toronto on your *Running with Scissors* tour. During the day you were signing autographs at a major electronics chain. I showed up with two CD covers for you to sign, wearing an Alfred E. Neuman pin on my jacket. You commented on it, saying, "Nice pin." I asked if you wanted it, and you declined, saying that you did not want to deprive me. Cute.

Now, this summer, you are playing the Ottawa Bluesfest. I will be there, of course. But I am hoping that you will be doing an autograph signing somewhere in the city that day. I've got 13 CD covers that need signing, you know? Sure, it may be a bit excessive for an autograph session, but I will trade you my priceless Alfred E. Neuman pin for 13 autographs. If you say no, you will be depriving me!

Brian Di Cesare • Ottawa, Ontario

According to my Ottawa itinerary, I will only have time to sign two CD covers for you. So as payment, I will be expecting exactly 2/13 of your pin. Thanks in advance! —Weird Al



THERE'S NO CHARM IN ASKING

Can I also edit MAD magazine one day even if I no can read good?

Anthony E. Compton • Flint, MI

If history is any indication, MAD only has a guest editor once every 63 years — so first, let's see if you live that long! —Weird Al

MISTAKING THE FIELD

Al, why do we sing "Take Me Out To The Ball Game" at a baseball game when we are already out at a ball game?

Brian Sleeth • Sarasota, FL

Why do we do it? It's because America's real national pastime is IRONY. —Weird Al

THE SONG REMAINS THE SHAME

I am a huge fan of your music. Say, I'm listening to "Shake it Off" right now. How about a parody of that?

Alex Rodriguez • Fair Lawn, NJ

What, you mean I should do a parody of a huge hit song that's currently on the charts? Why, that's an *amazing idea*. I wish I had thought of that! Thank you, thank you!!! —Weird Al

READER ALERT

Is there a better way to commemorate my stint as guest editor than by plastering this issue's cover across your torso? Probably! But until we discover what it is, this will have to do! Hustle on over to weirdal.com, and visit the store to buy a shirt featuring your two favorite (non-Roker, non-Pacino) Als on it!



PROS AND CONCERTS

Will the Mandatory Fun tour be coming to Australia in 2015, and will you be playing at the Enmore Theatre in Sydney again?

Gabriel McCann • Sydney, Australia

It looks like we'll be touring there sometime around the end of the year. And as of this writing, I don't know the venues — but as soon as I do, they'll be up on weirdal.com! #shamelessplug —Weird Al

NAME OF GROANS

"Weird Al" Yankovic, since you are going to be MAD's guest editor (I guess the Kardashians were busy, huh?) I thought I'd take the opportunity to ask you a question that I've been curious about. I guess you got your middle name from some relative named Al, but how did your parents know to name you Weird? I mean, it's a pretty big coincidence that your name is Weird and you grew up, well, weird. Or was it the name that made you weird? Because names can be a big influence on a kid's personality; sometimes they try to live up to the name that's given to them. I'm just sayin'.

Michal Jacot • East Tawas, MI

Actually, my parents named me Weird *ironically*, because I was the un-weirdest baby they had ever seen. (Sort of the same reason why some fat guys are nicknamed "Tiny.") Talk about parental disappointment! —Weird Al



ANAGRAMMATICAL ERROR

I just realized that if you scramble up the letters in my name, it reads, "I love Weird Al." Is that a good thing?

Allie Veditrow • Millersville, TN

Thanks to your letter, I've spent the last three hours to discover that if you scramble up the letters in "Weird Al" Yankovic, it reads, "A civil word, Kanye!" Is THAT a good thing? —Weird Al



FRIENDSHIP OF FOOLS

I'm a huge fan and I'm going to go and see you in concert in Jackson County, Oregon for your Mandatory Fun tour. I wanted to know if you were gonna sign autographs after the show because my friend Mia has already met you twice and I'm starting to get a little jealous. Also, how long has it been since you ate a Twinkie wiener sandwich? I look forward to seeing you in a few months!

Drew Barber • Jackson County, OR

I sign autographs for fans whenever I can, but the question here is: why doesn't your good friend Mia just give you one of the autographs she's already got, if she's SUCH A GOOD FRIEND? Maybe instead of being jealous of her, you should just be weeding out the selfish, greedy people in your life! Although if you're the type who obsessively eats Twinkie wiener sandwiches, most of your friends will probably stop associating themselves with you on their own! —Weird Al

ENVELOPE OF THE MONTH



Ed Meisinger, Mendota Heights, MN

ADHERE'S THE THING

If you were forced to Krazy Glue one of your nostrils shut, would it be the left one or the right one? Also, how would you have reacted if your 1989 film *UHF* had swept the Oscars?

Mark Theroux • Norwalk, CT

As to your first question: come on, I'm no idiot. Left nostril, of course! And as to your second: do you mean to say that *UHF* DIDN'T sweep the 1989 Oscars? I demand a RECOUNT!!! —Weird Al

HAIR WE GO AGAIN

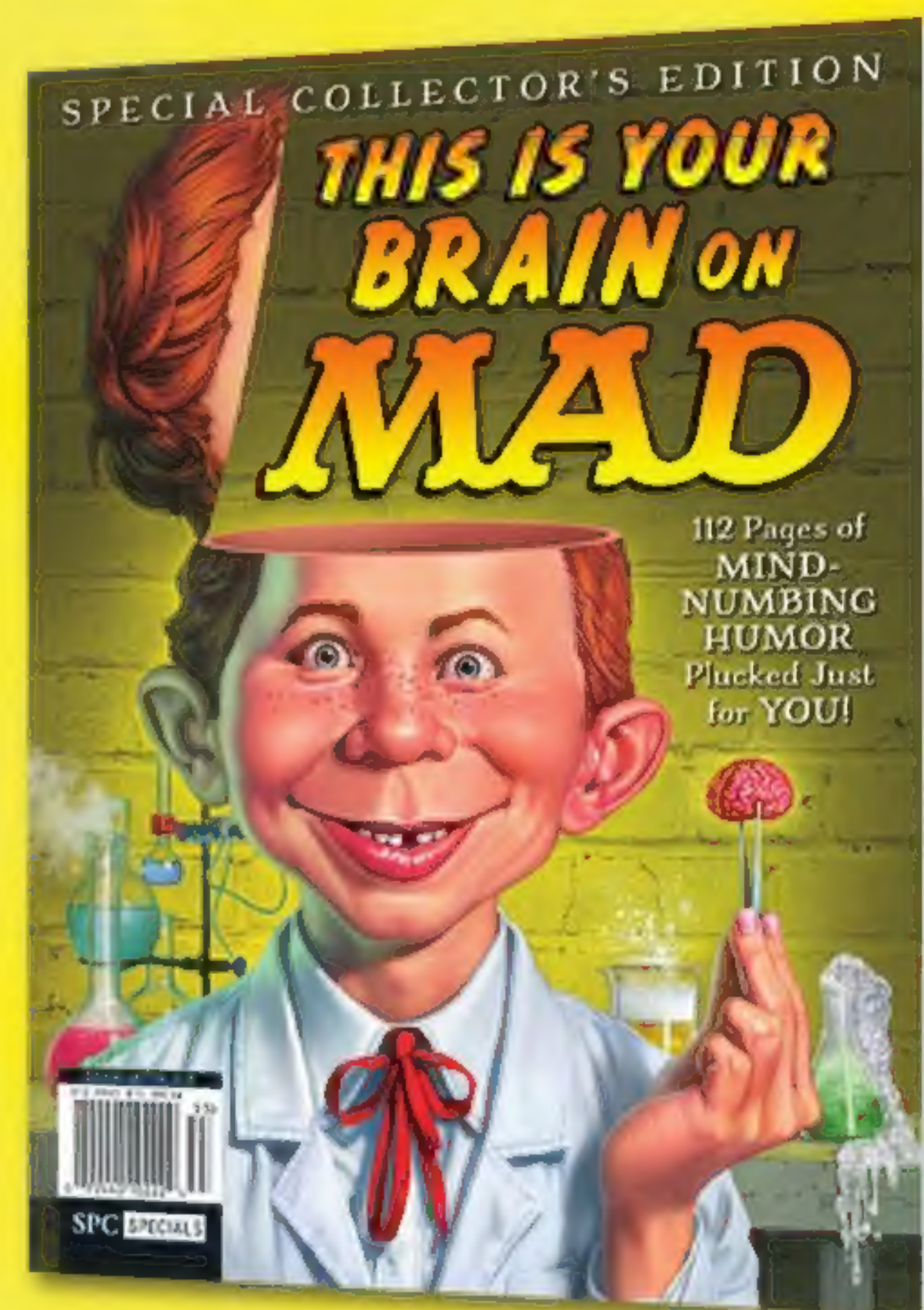
Since I know you aren't going to respond to it, I'm going to ask it anyway: why did you ditch the moustache and go with the stoner/hippie/junkie look?

Jack Vander Wees • Calgary, Alberta

I'm just trying to sucker in that ever-elusive stoner/hippie/junkie fanbase! —Weird Al

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Let me get this straight. A guy who thrives on satirizing popular music is now being allowed to guest edit a satirical magazine? I'm convinced you've put yourself into position to stage a coup and take permanent control. So maybe some good can come out of this dialed-up insanity. I have always been irritated by those obnoxious subscription cards that fall out of the pages. My April edition had not one, but two of those crummy things. For crying out loud, I already subscribe to this worthless waste of shrinking rainforest! I beg you Al, after the coup, eliminate those annoying cards. And while you're at it, purge that other gang of idiots who list themselves under "Editorial" and "Art Department." As for the "Contributing Artists and Writers" — well, I'm sure you'll know what to do with them when the time comes.

Don Greenwood • Vienna, VA

When the coup comes (*shhh, it's a secret!*), don't worry — those annoying subscription cards will be a thing of the past. That's because your new issues of MAD will be downloaded automatically onto the memory chip which will have been permanently implanted in your cerebral cortex (as per

the new requirements in the small print of your subscription contract). No pesky cards whatsoever — I think you'll find it quite convenient! —Weird Al



BATHROOM WITH A VIEW

Long time fan, first time caller. When it comes to toilet paper, are you a "folder" or a "cruncher"? My friend, Max, bet me a box of José Olé Steak & Cheese Taquitos that you're a "folder." I say that you're not. Please clarify; I am hungry.

Iggy Feldman • Somers Point, NJ

The answer is "neither." Lately, I've been having my wife shoot rolls of toilet paper at my backside with a t-shirt cannon. It's a very intimate bonding experience — and it helps clear up the "folding" or "crunching" dilemma that I used to find so paralyzing! —Weird Al

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THE SOUND OF VIOLENCE

Are you the victim of the worst perm ever done by Laquisha's Salon of Darkness or do you keep losing a bet repeatedly? SCHMUCK!

Ryan McFarland • Seattle, WA

Joke's on you, Ryan — it's not a bad *perm*, it's bad NATURAL hair! And I have to ask: did you call me a schmuck, or was that the sound effect of a live octopus landing on your head while you were trying to finish your letter? If it was a live octopus — and I'm assuming that it was — please know that I'm praying for your full recovery. —Weird Al

READER ALERT

Thanks to everyone who wrote in! And the fun's not over yet! If your letter was printed in this issue, you'll be receiving a whole bunch of fantastic prizes! You'll be getting **Block City: How to Build Incredible Worlds in Minecraft**, from the good people at Abrams; a blind-boxed **TMNT vinyl figure**, from the fine folks at The Loyal Subjects; **The Art of He-Man and the Masters of the Universe**, from the upstanding citizens at Dark Horse Books; **Darth Vader and Friends** by Jeffrey Brown, from the upright individuals at Chronicle Books; and a copy of **Mandatory Fun** from...me!



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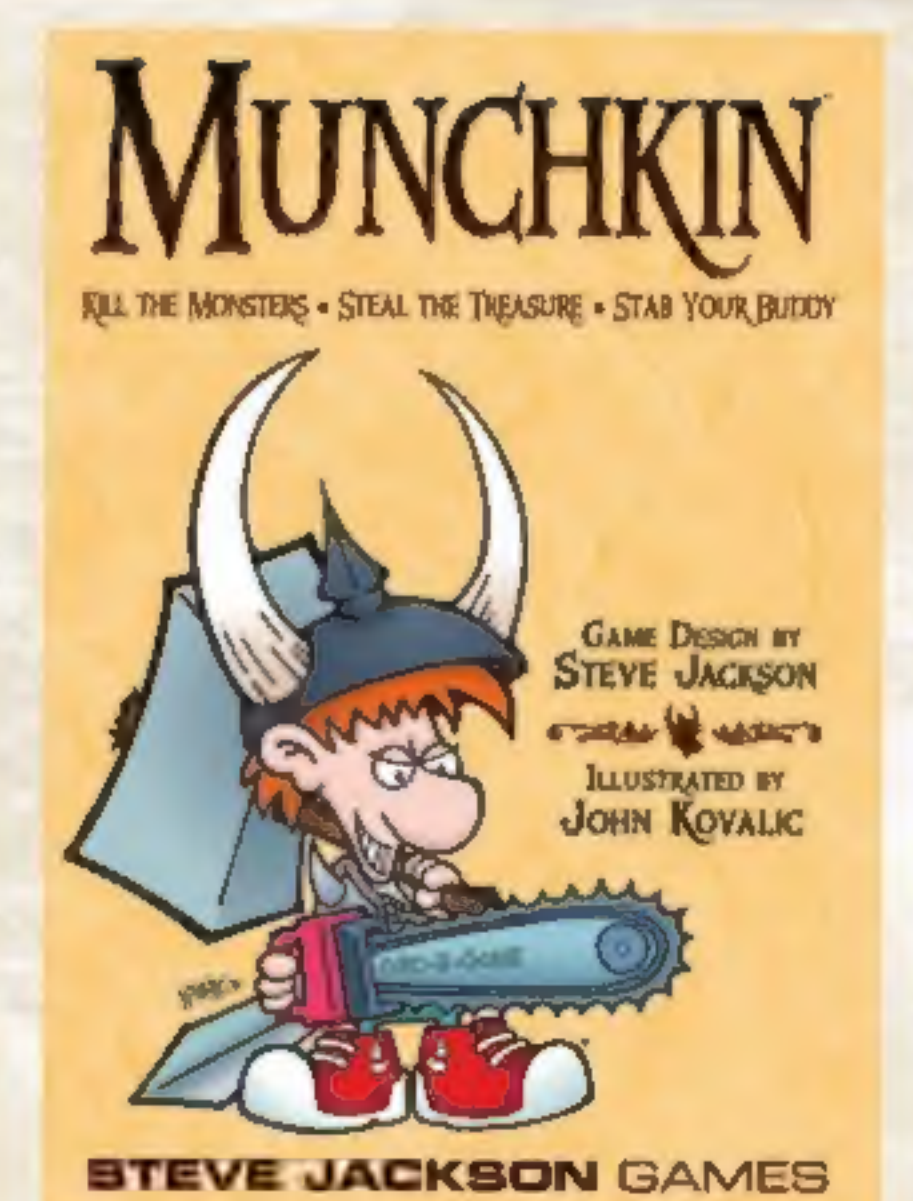
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The Fast 5 THE WORST THINGS ABOUT MARVEL MOVIES

- 1 We're supposed to believe that even though they're "Earth's Mightiest Heroes," none of the Avengers are brave enough to address Tony Stark's increasingly ridiculous goatee?
- 2 Stan Lee cameos. When a movie stars Vin Diesel as a tree and you're the stiffest thing on screen, maybe acting isn't for you.
- 3 Thanks to the movies' "shared universe," you've got to watch all of them to understand even one of them. That's like not being able to enjoy *Furious 7* until you've seen *Cars 2* and *Herbie: Fully Loaded*.
- 4 The way they've taken product placement to the next level by using entire films as ads for upcoming *Avengers* sequels.
- 5 That Scarlett Johansson can be fighting a dozen Hydra agents and still look like she's in a Cover Girl commercial is completely distracting. Easy, breezy and beautiful, yes. But distracting.

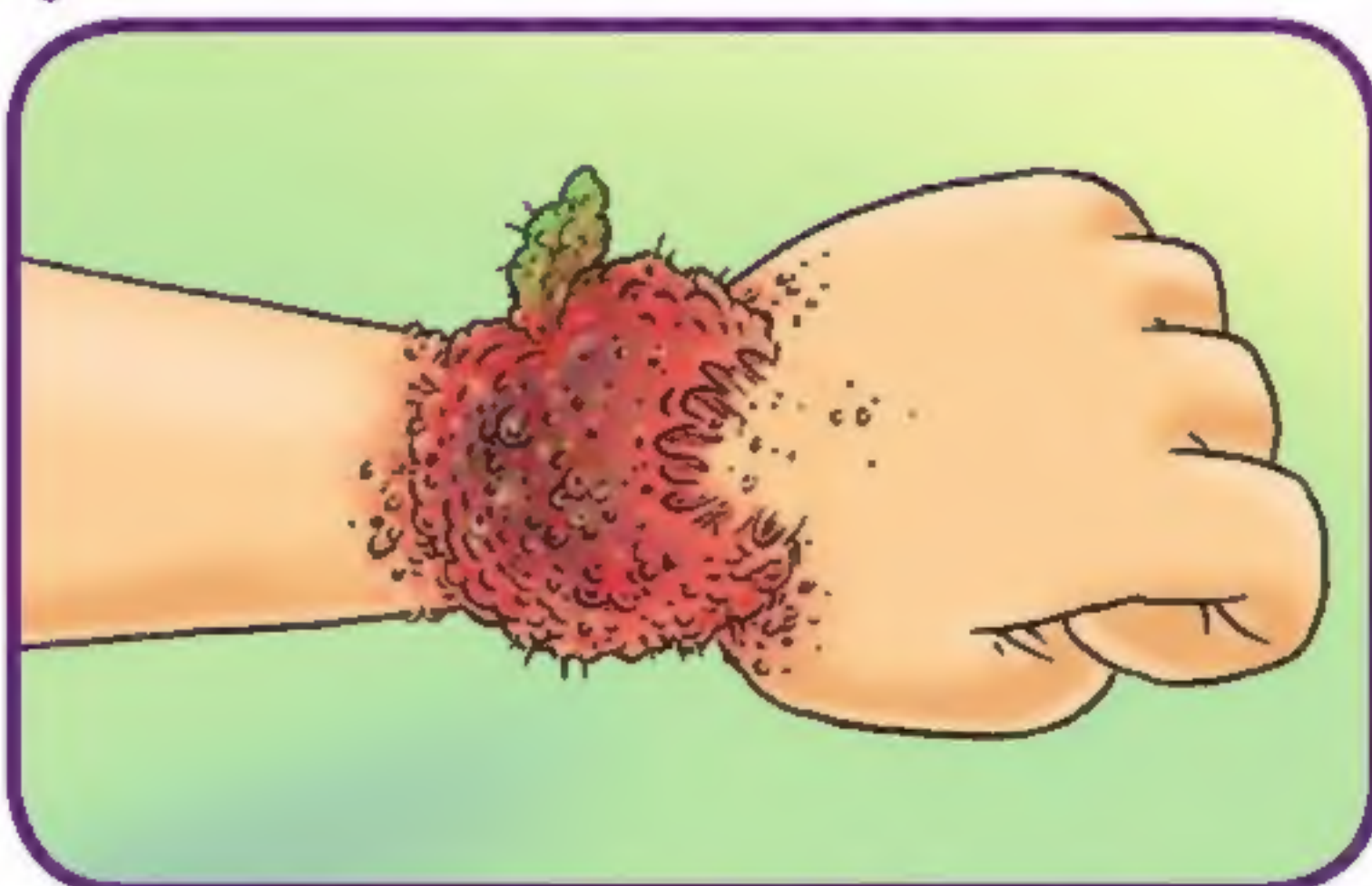
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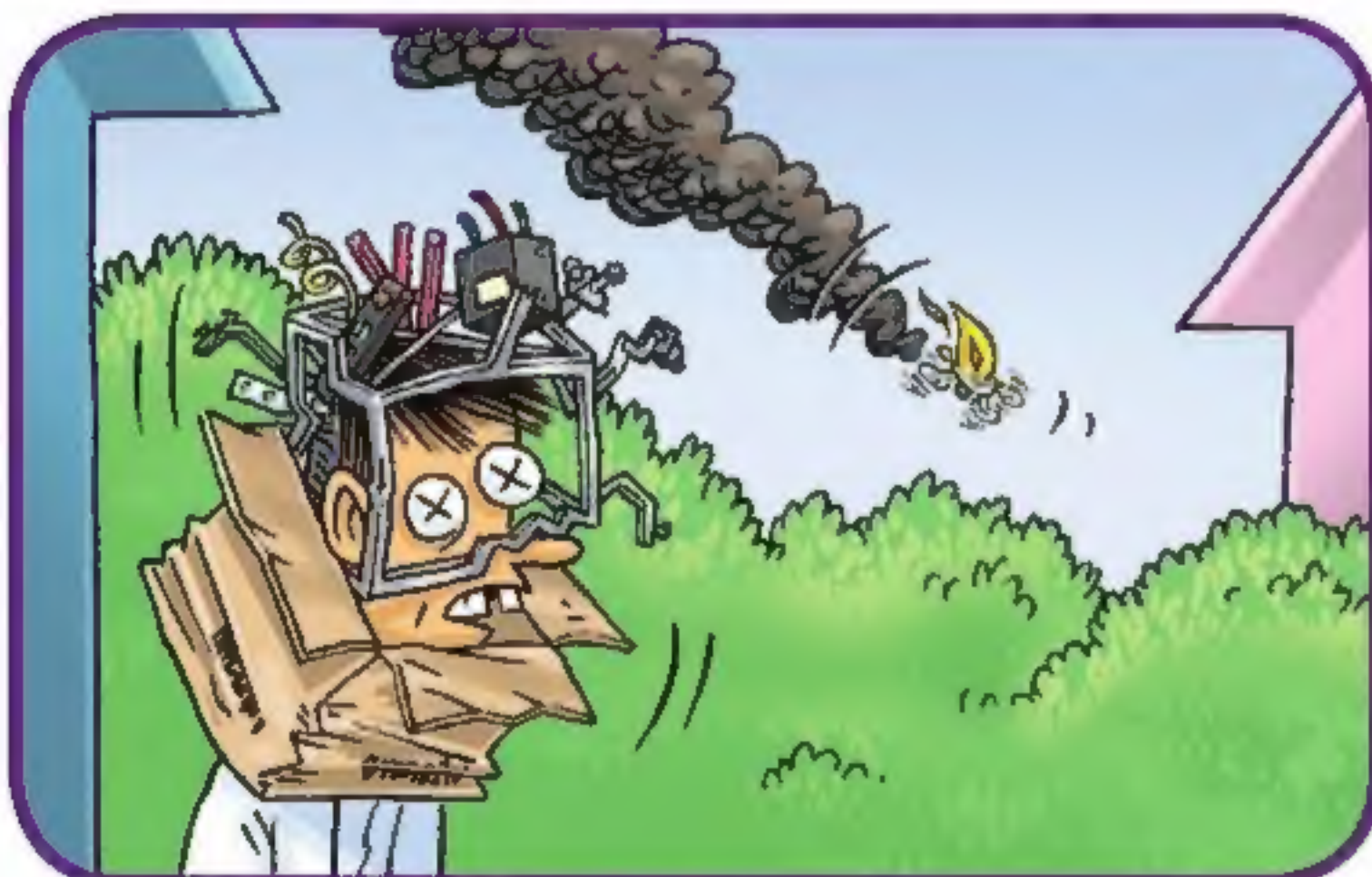
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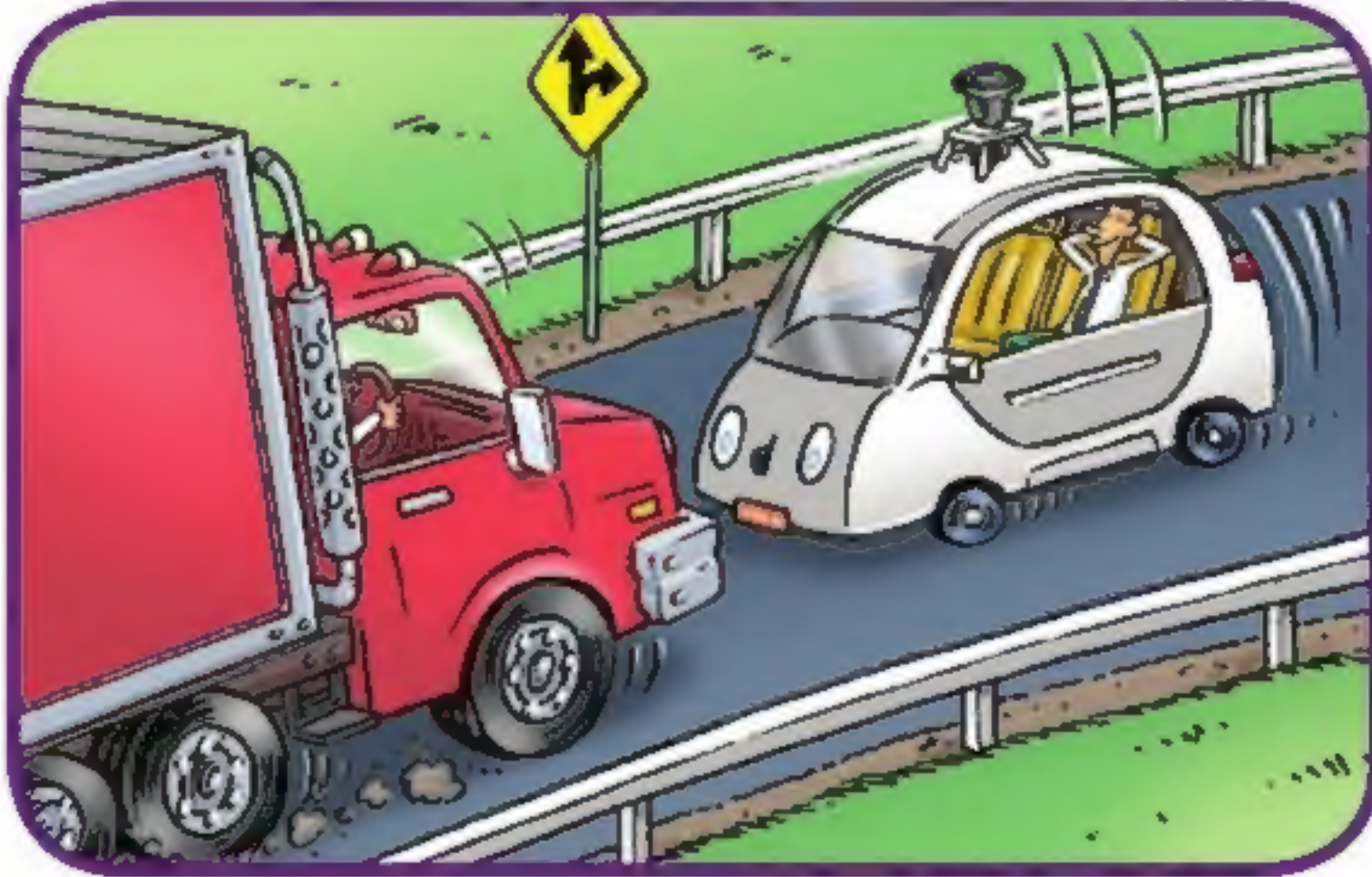
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Apple Watch-induced wrist cancer



Having a 3D printer dropped on your head due to a malfunctioning Amazon delivery drone



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The Godfrey Report

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How Chris Brown Spent His Community Service Hours

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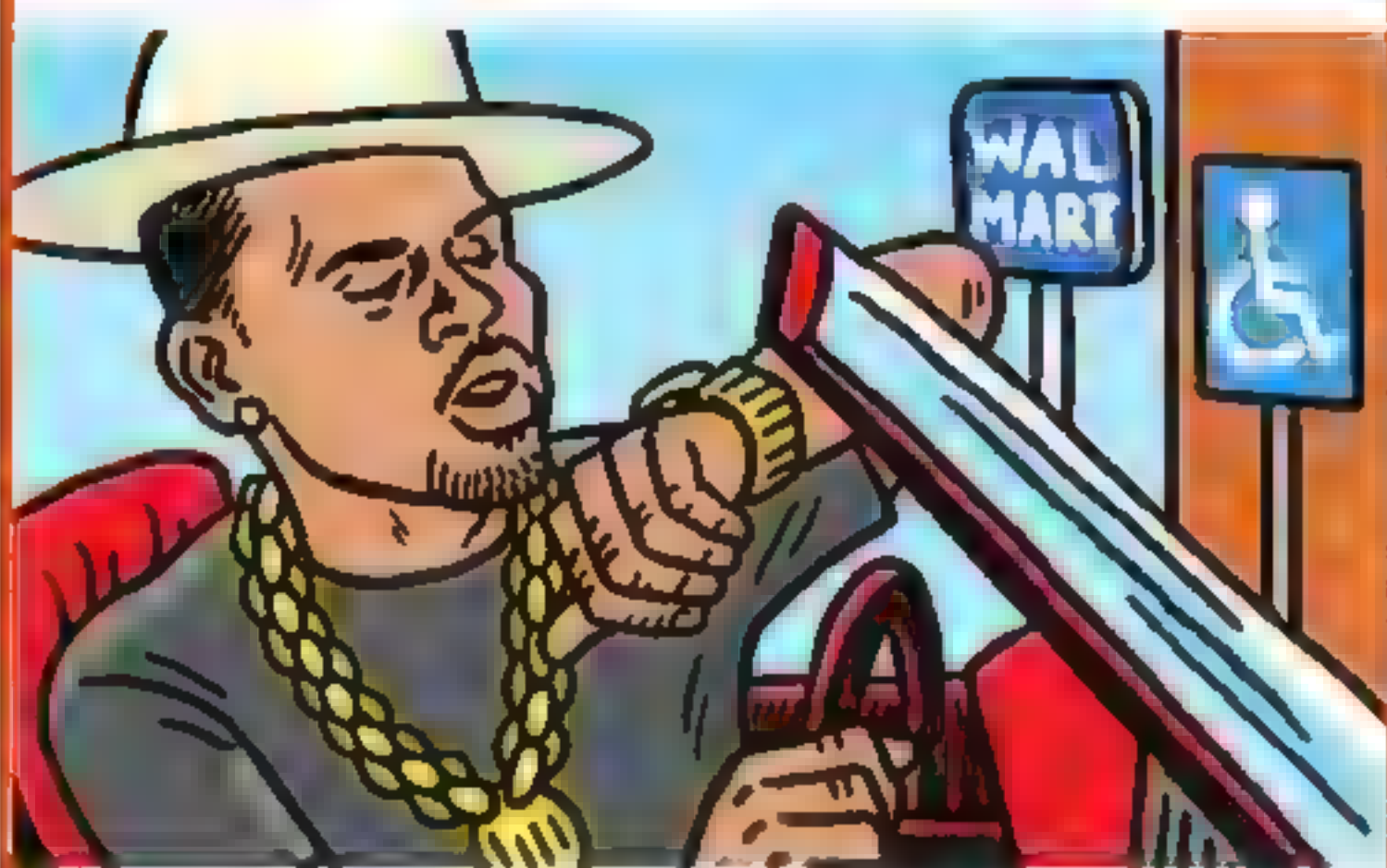
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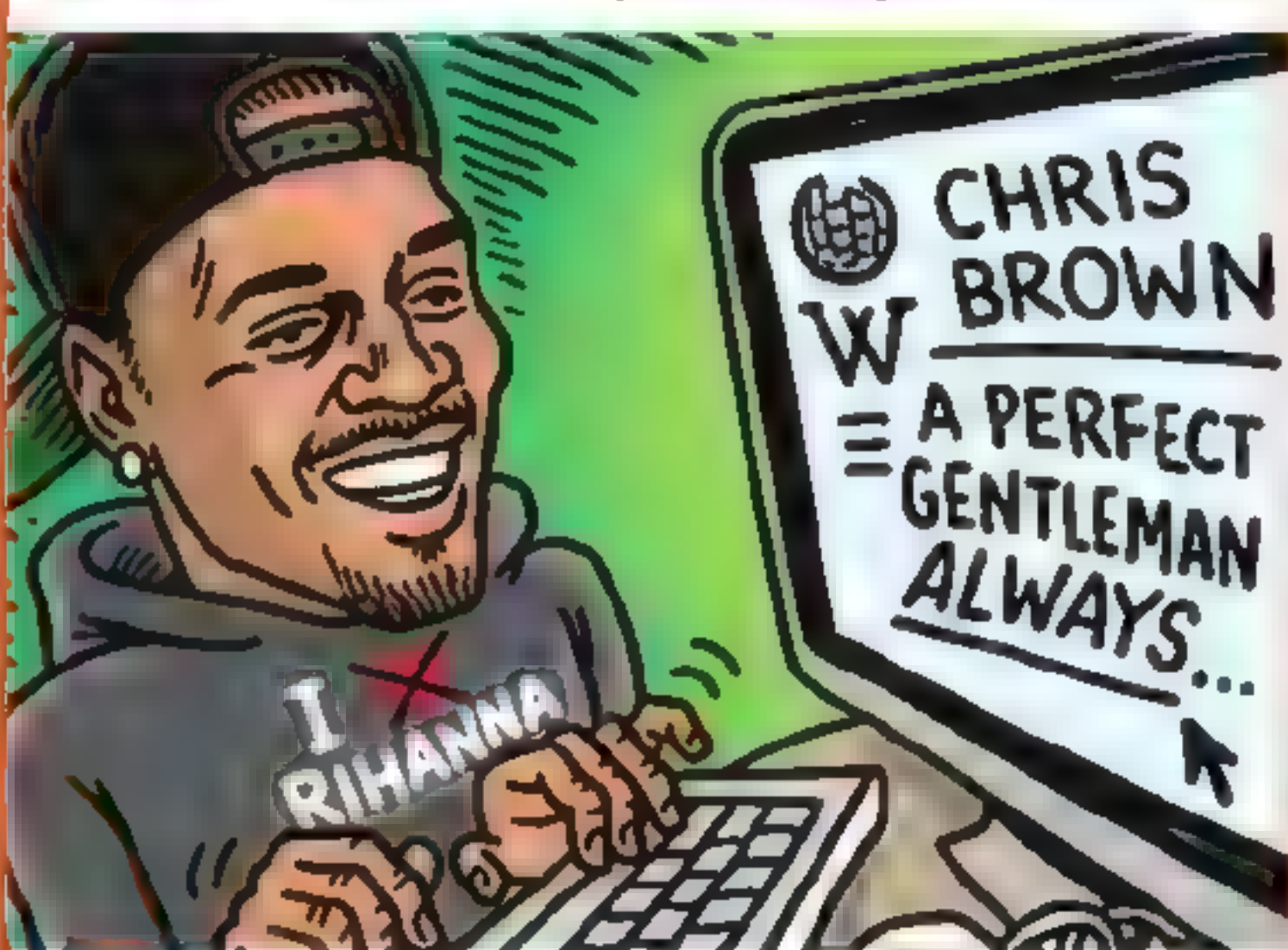
...specifically, 19-year-old fashion models at risk of dating Chris Brown

Assisted the disabled...



...by not parking his Lambo in handicapped spots during peak business hours

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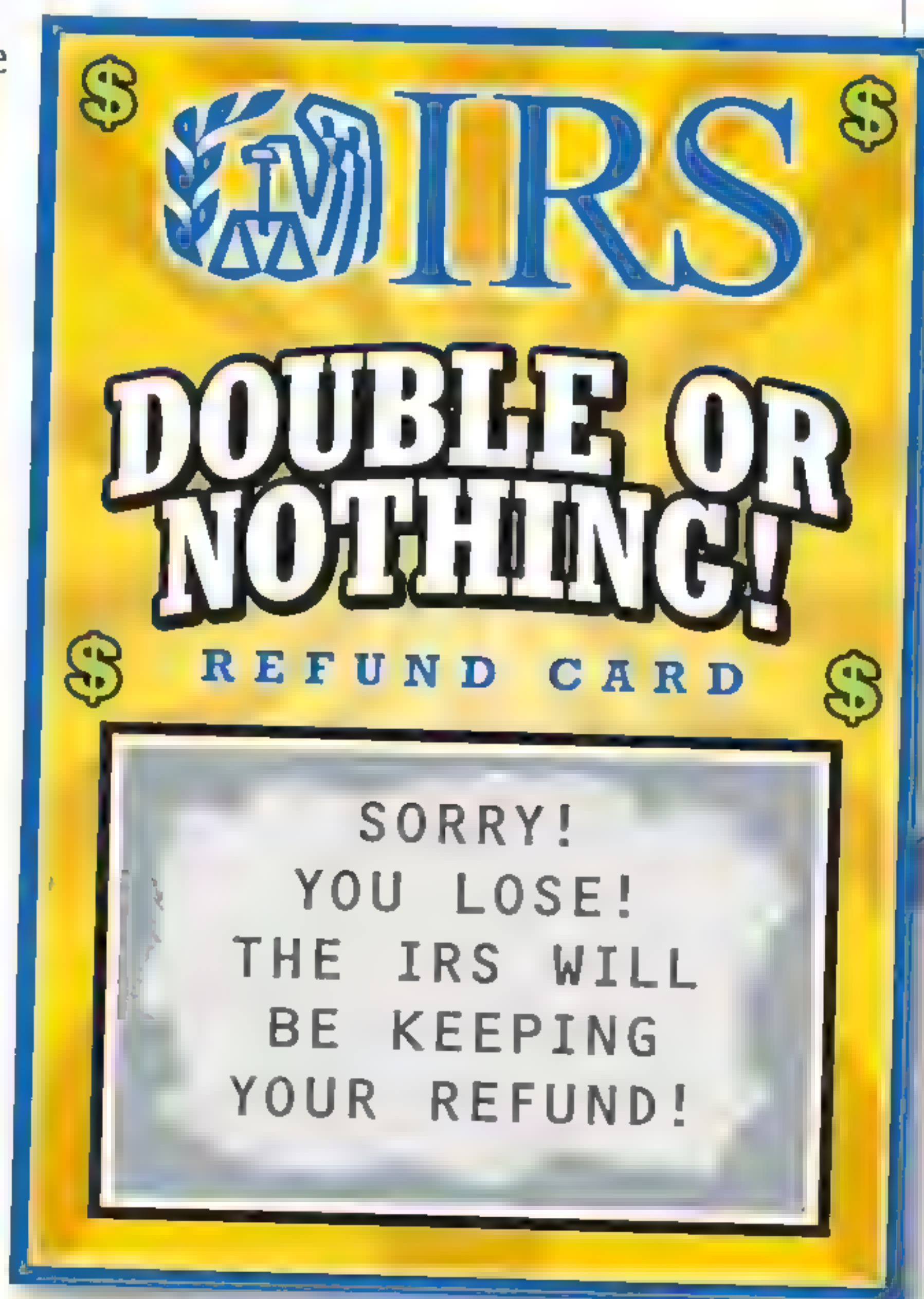
...by updating his Wikipedia page

Writer: Kenny Keil Artist: Ward Sutton

The Faster 5 THINGS THE IRS IS CONSIDERING DUE TO AGENCY BUDGET CUTS

- 1 Taxpayers who express a fondness for gambling will be offered their refund in the form of a "double or nothing" scratch-off refund card
- 2 Taxpayers due a refund will have \$100 deducted as an "Official Refund-Processing Fee"
- 3 Taking a nod from Facebook, the IRS will discontinue all customer service help lines and instead let taxpayers answer each others' questions in an online chat room
- 4 Effective immediately, returns for families of six or more will have a 20% gratuity automatically added
- 5 Like sports arenas, the IRS will sell naming rights to their forms, including the Martin Short form, Schedule CVS and the Compound W-2 forms

Writer: Dick DeBartolo



THE BIGGEST CHALLENGES FACING THE NEW BASEBALL COMMISSIONER

Airing the pungent "old man smell" out of Bud Selig's office

In the wake of an outrageous string of trips, shoves and other violent attacks, assigning giant-headed Secret Service agents to protect the giant-headed President mascots who gallumph to the finish line at every Nationals home game



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As a cost-cutting measure, getting rid of the sixth inning

Writer: Desmond Devlin Artist: Kevin Pope

A Walk in the Parkhurst



"Get out! They're FAKE? They felt just like real hips!"

Writer and Artist: Teresa Burns Parkhurst



Well, I was going to write The Weird A-I-ni Pages myself for this issue, but then I figured...why bother when I've got so many famous and talented friends I can sucker into doing this thankless job?

Patton Oswalt's Waffle House Hidden Hashbrown Menu



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DUNKED

Blended into a hash brown smoothie and served in a sausage-shaped mug

INCEPTED

Fried with cheese, then deep-fried in batter, then covered in deep-fried cheese batter and re-fried with battered cheese



ABUSED

Shoved roughly into the corner of a skillet and unevenly cooked while forced to watch expensive, purple Japanese root potatoes get lovingly sautéed in artisanal olive oil.

REDACTED

Cooked using a top-secret recipe only known to the President and the four people above the President. You are killed immediately after eating.



The Weird

Seth Green's 100% True Things Seen While Driving in Awful L.A. Traffic



A man reading a hardbound *Harry Potter* novel on his steering wheel.



A couple FaceTiming with a relative on an iPad.



A woman eating a full-size hoagie with a napkin tucked into her collar.



A woman painting her nails with a gel dryer on her dashboard. Like a salon, with supplies laid out everywhere.



A dog going nuts, attacking the car's driver all over his face and chest.



All kinds of vomiting out the window.

Artist: Bob Staake

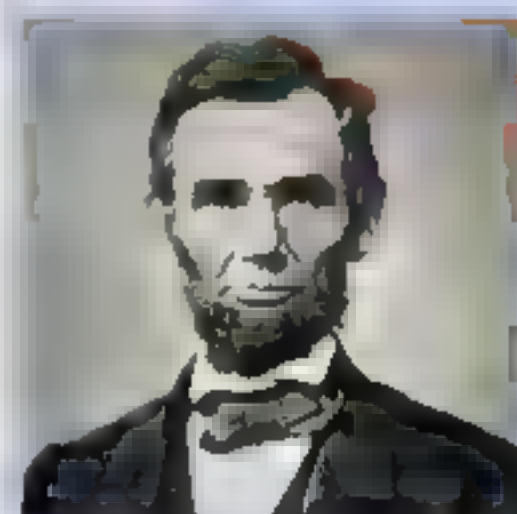


Chris Hardwick's Social Media Through History

Richard Nixon on Snapchat



Abraham Lincoln on Facebook



Abraham Lincoln went from being "In a Relationship" to "Dead."

April 15, 1865 at 10:13 pm

John Wilkes Booth likes this.

Julius Caesar on Twitter



Julius Caesar
@RomelnCharge

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March 15, 44 BCE

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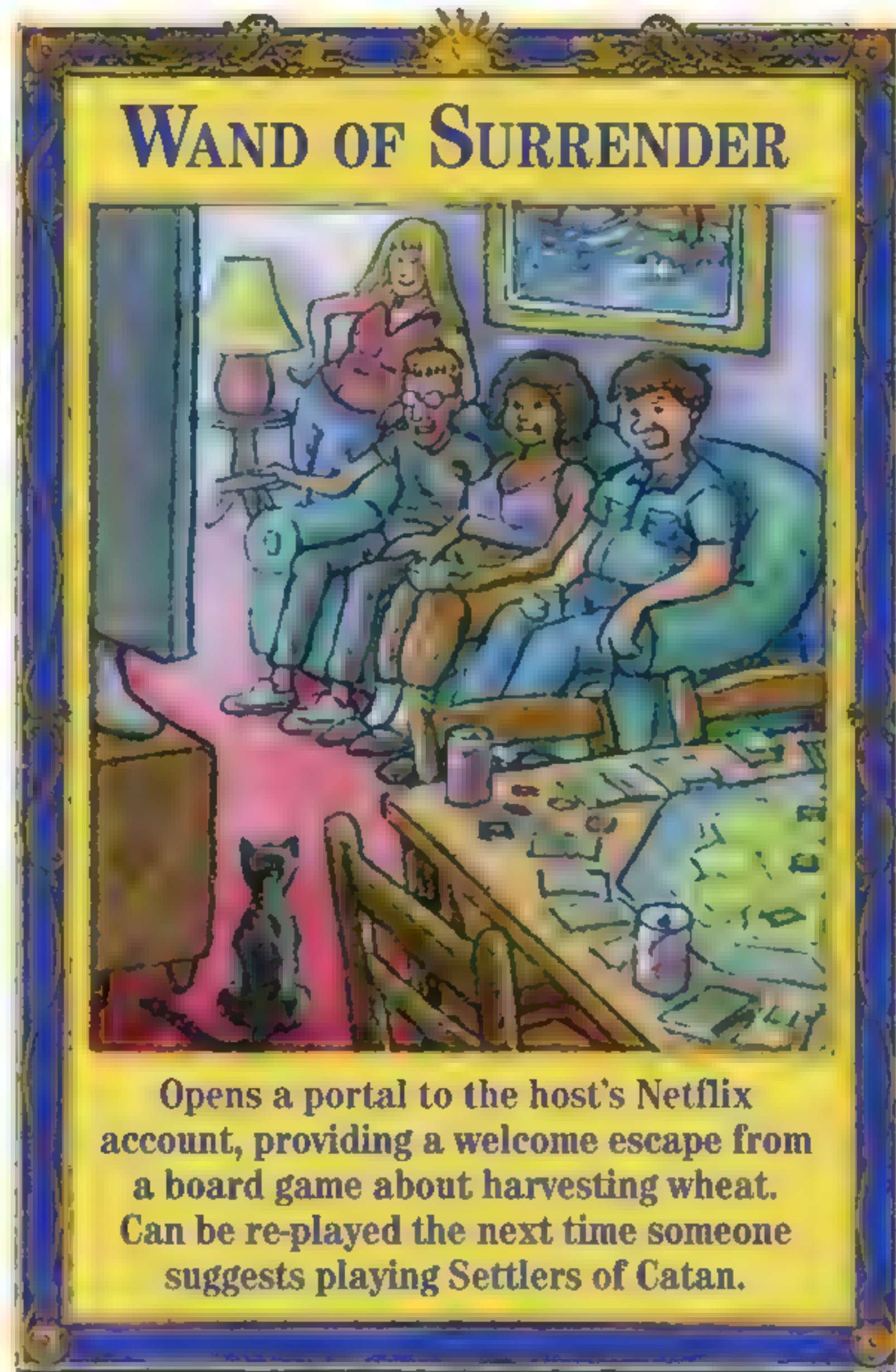


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Caricatures: Anton Emdin



Kristen Schaal & Rich Blomquist's Settlers of Catan MAD Expansion Cards



Artist: James Warhola



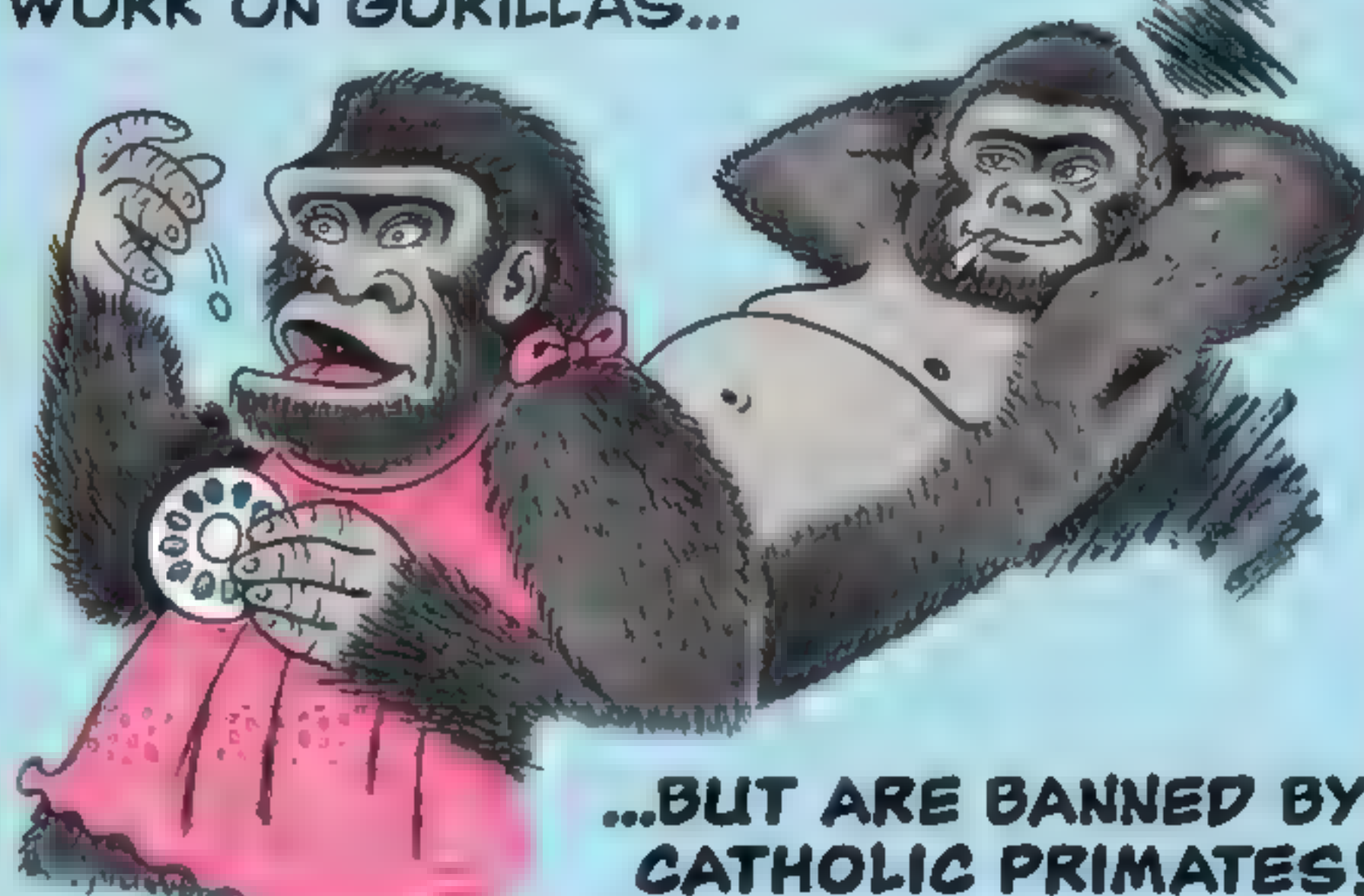
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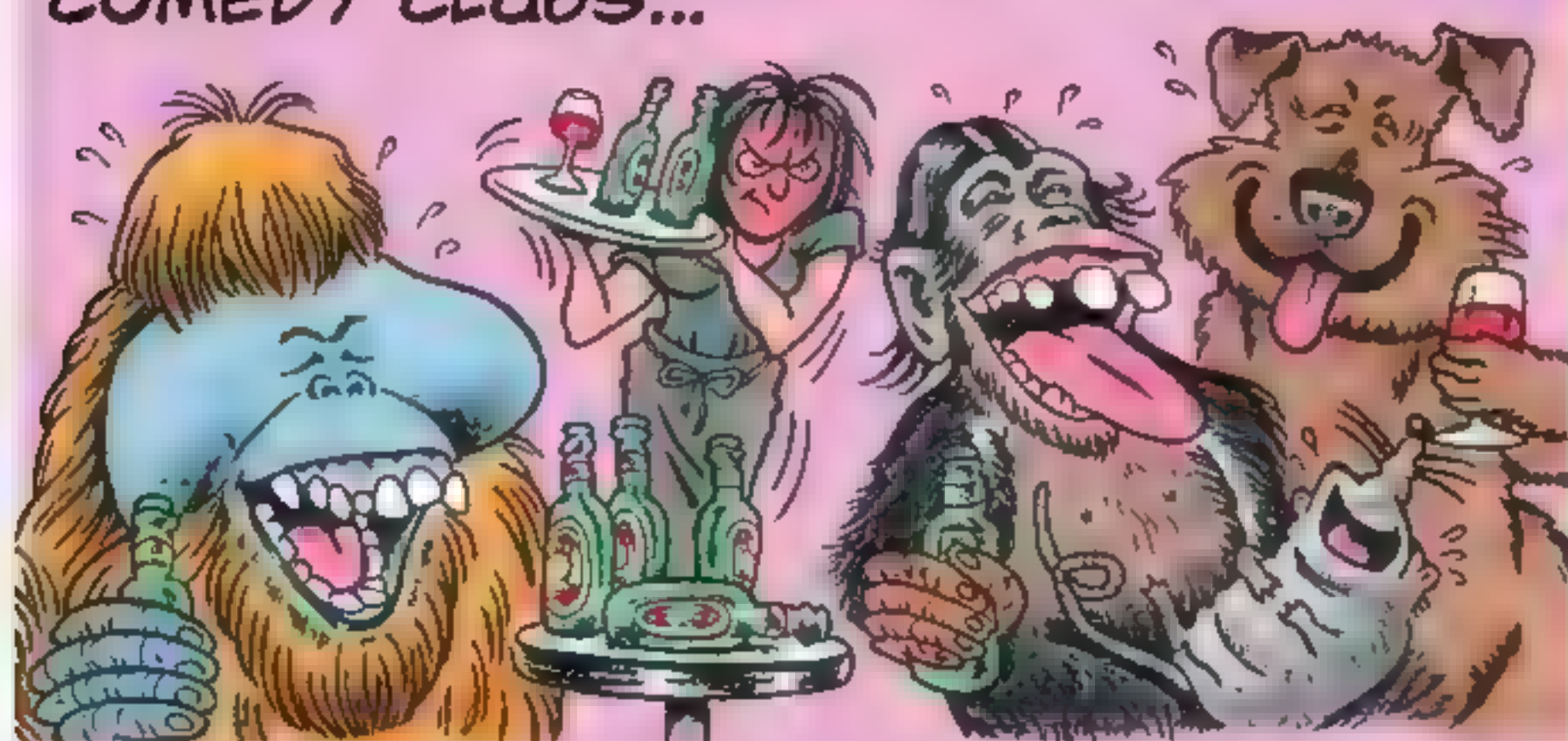
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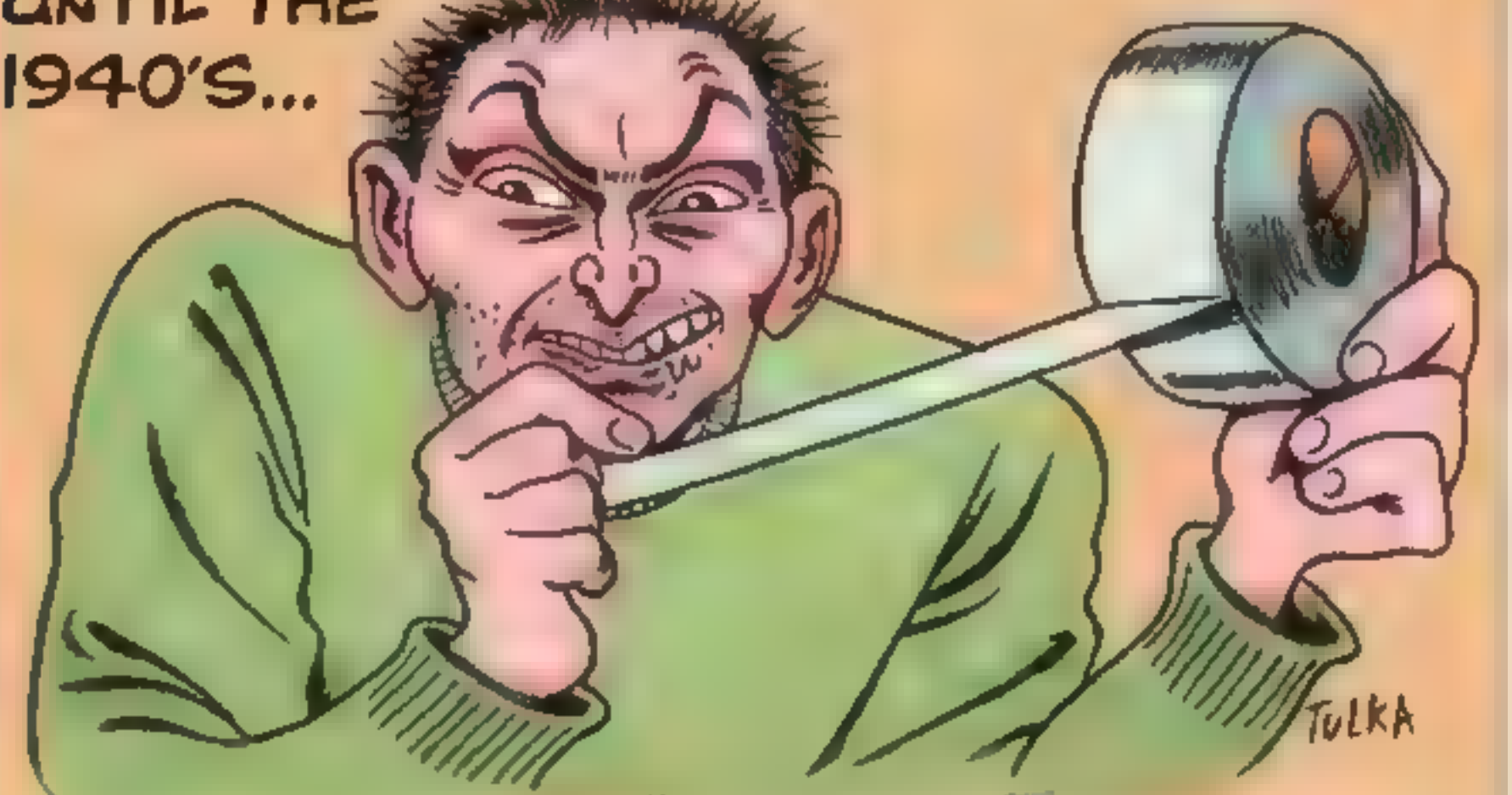
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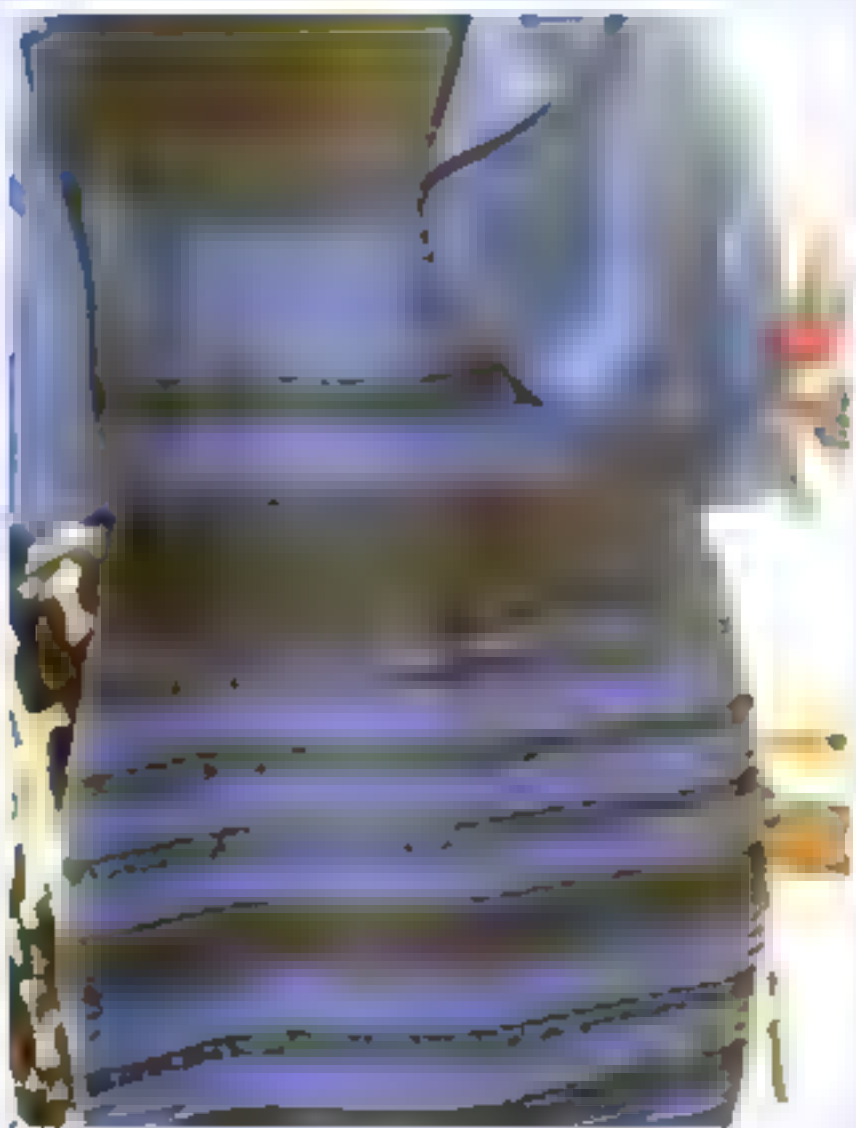
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John Hodgman's Essay About "The Dress"



What color is this dress? White and gold? Or black and blue?

You might be surprised to learn that there is no correct answer! Some people say they see certain colors, and others say they see different colors. Now mostly they are liars and sociopaths, of course. But in a few cases, scientists say that some people just see things differently — AND NOT JUST DRESSES.

There are a number of science-reasons for this. (Naturally, because scientists hate making things easy. That's how they keep their cushy labs stocked with sweet agar-agar.)

Some humans have cones in their eyes, for example (disgusting). Others have a genetic mutation so that they perceive light slightly differently (worst super power).

The point is, you might not be seeing things correctly. But luckily I am here to tell you what is literally what.

This dress is gray and green.



This men's shawl neck sweater is a sort of taupey-steel-sage with flecks of tweed-sparkle.



This is not THAT great a band.



(Everyone can see that by now, obviously, but what really worries me is that NO ONE CAN APPARENTLY SEE THE GHOST CHILD WITH A SCARY CHOP HATCHET STANDING RIGHT NEXT TO THE EDGE. I guess some people love U2 so much they can't see anything else. Do they deserve to be murdered by a vengeful ghost? I'll just leave that question open.)

And finally, this "print magazine" that you are holding is actually an owl that flew into your hands. Don't believe me? Look around. That's right. You are standing in the woods at night. You are sleepwalking again, and carrying around owl-attracting mouse-guts in your hand for some reason. What a crazy dream world you live in.

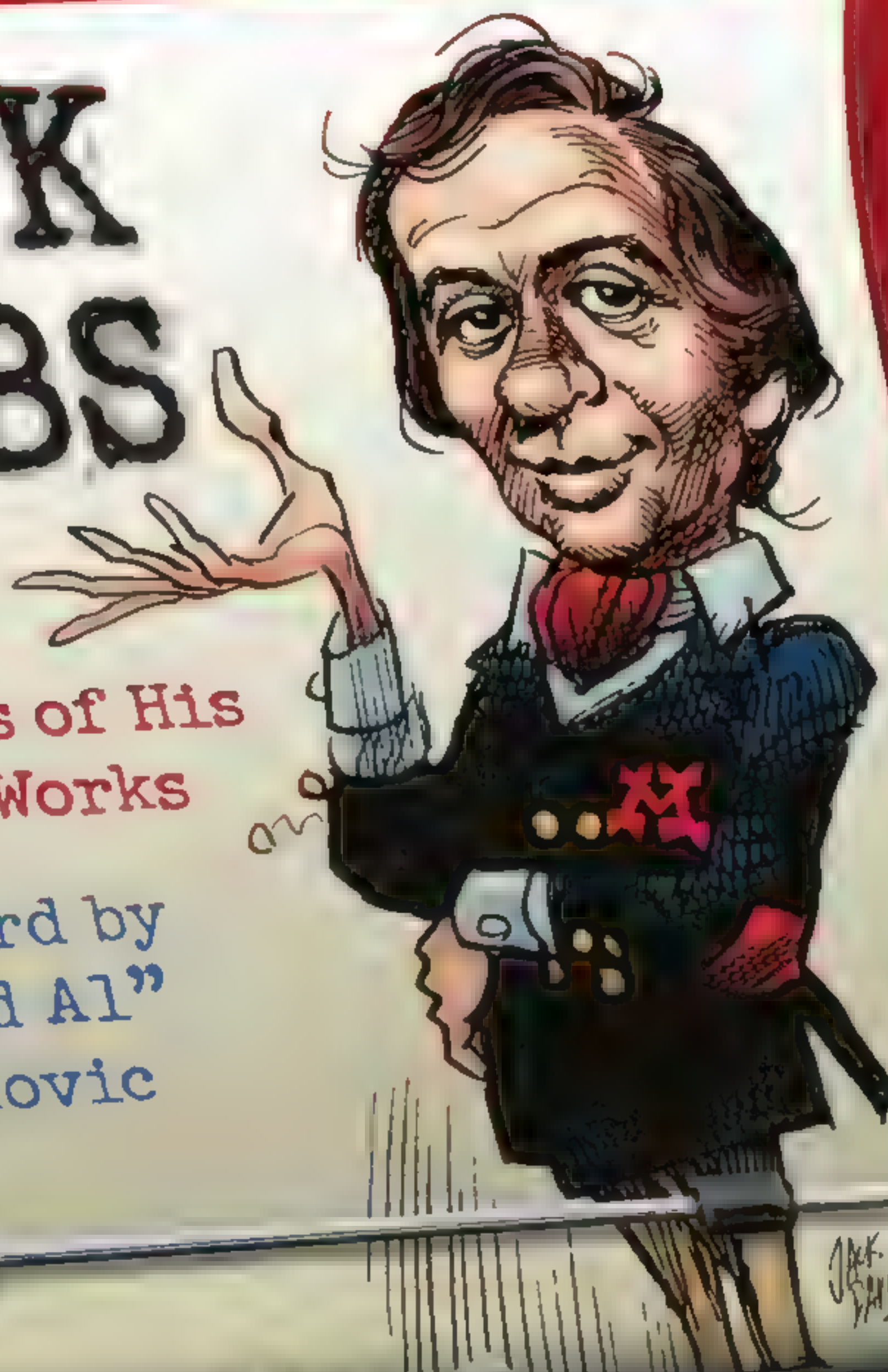
Things have gone from bad
to *verse!*

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Over the years, the one question I get asked most consistently is, "Hey, Al...why do you write so many stupid songs?" Well, consider yourselves lucky...you're only hearing the *moderately* stupid ones. 99% of my ideas are so utterly terrible, they've never seen the light of day. That is, until now! Brace yourselves as I hesitantly share these never-before-seen...

PAGES FROM WEIRD AL'S NOTEBOOK



A parody of "Dixit Dominus"
("Fix It, Dominos!") - about
a pizza delivery company that always
gets people's orders wrong.

Yes, this is an arguably brilliant idea, but...not sure
about the source material. Might not be the best
idea to do a parody of a Gregorian chant that's
several hundred years old. Gotta be more topical -
timing is everything! Stick a pin in it for now.

A parody of "Ice Ice Baby" called
"Lice Lice Baby" - about a guy
(white rapper with a weird haircut?)
who's constantly getting head lice.



Perfect! Who doesn't love songs about head lice?
(NOTE: If Vanilla Ice isn't into it, maybe instead do a classic
rock Alice Cooper parody - "No More Mr. Lice Guy"?)

A parody of that
Titanic song
called

"My Fart
Will Go On"



TITANIC

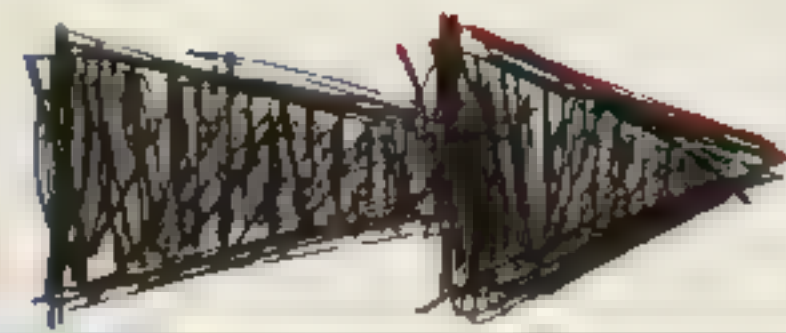
NOW we're talking!!
This is Comedy 101: Farts = Funny.
Hey, wait a minute...
that means I could just replace the
word "heart" with the word "fart" in
ANY song, and it would automatically
be hilarious! Let's see...
"Owner of a Lonely Fart"...
"Don't Go Breaking My Fart"...
"Total Eclipse of the Fart"...
OMG, this is a GOLDMINE!!!!
Cha-CHING!!!

Parody of "You've Got a Friend" by James Taylor called "You've Got Depends"

Obviously, a song about a guy who wears adult diapers.

Is he embarrassed? Is he proud? I dunno, could go either way.

(NOTE: See if you can get James Taylor in the video wearing an oversized adult diaper - I bet he'd do it!!)



Meatloaf Parody: "I Would Do Anything For Lunch (But I Won't Do That)"

BOOM! This is a no-brainer. Bonus points because it looks like Meatloaf WOULD do anything for lunch! Hey wait... I just realized something... I can just substitute the word "lunch" for "love" in every song ever written, and by definition it will be funny! Let's see now...

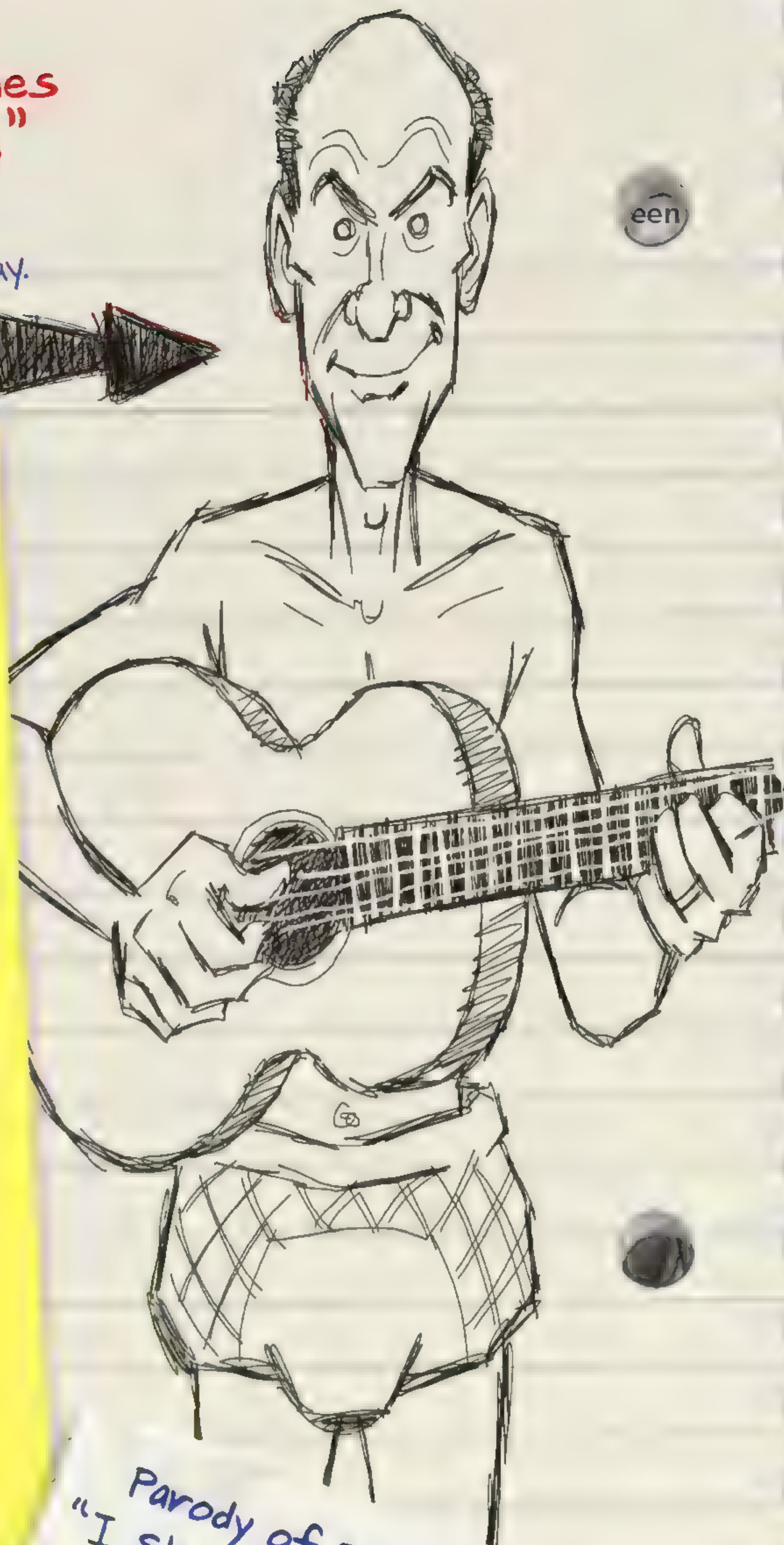
All You Need is Lunch
You Can't Hurry Lunch
Lunch Will Keep Us Together
Givin' You the Best of My Lunch
Crazy Little Thing Called Lunch
I Want to Know What Lunch Is
Saving All My Lunch for You
Whole Lotta Lunch
The Greatest Lunch of All
You Give Lunch a Bad Name
What's Lunch Got to Do With It?

Oh man... I think I've just written all my hit songs for the next TEN YEARS!!!

Eagles parody:

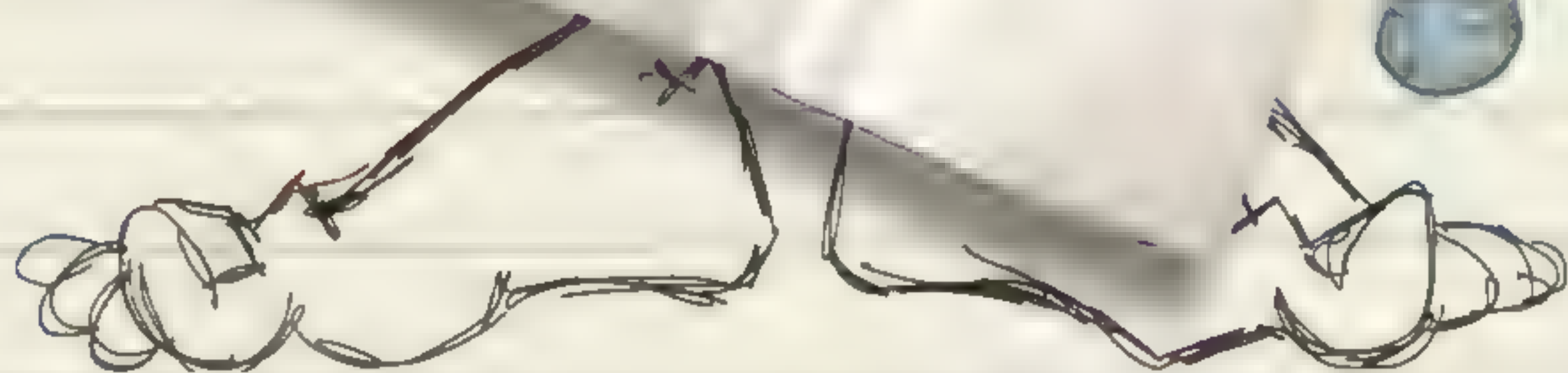
~~"MOTEL CALIFORNIA"~~

~~See, it's pretty much exactly like HOTEL California, except there are fewer amenities. Like, the soap in the bathroom isn't as nice, and the TV doesn't get any pay channels. Yeaah, maybe not. Scratch that.~~



Parody of Bob Marley's
"I Shot the Sheriff" called
"I Want Sans-Serif!"

I could be wrong, but I'm pretty sure nobody's ever written a traditional reggae song that goes into excruciating detail about font usage. Maybe our protagonist is a Jamaican copy editor who favors Helvetica, and anything with serifs just drives him CRAZY, mon?



Belushi Eating Fries

Geez, this Michael Jackson guy is HUGE, I've got to do SOMETHING here. I don't know...

Cheat It?
Greet It?
Pleat It?

I'm sure there's some extremely obvious idea just staring me right in the face, but...ugh, this is hard. Oh well...think I'll go to the kitchen for a snack.

"Footloose" by Kenny Loggins



Parody would have the same title, only instead of being a song about dancing, it would be a song about the horrible effects of leprosy. (Funny AND educational - strongly consider!)

Parody of "When a Man Loves a Woman":

"WHEN A MAN
LOVES A DONKEY"



This is a song for all those pearl-clutchers who think that legalizing gay marriage would be a slippery slope to rampant interspecies coupling.

- Too much of a "hot button" topic?
- "Hamster" instead of "donkey"?

Parody of "Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds" by the Beatles

Okay, there are literally a million ways I could go with this, but I'm thinking "Belushi Eating Fries with Diamond." It's like, what if John Belushi had a chance meeting with Neil Diamond in a diner somewhere, and they shared a plate of French fries?? Who knows, it COULD have happened!

Lots of comic possibilities here - let's just go with this one (sometimes the first ideas are the best!)



Parody of "Stay With Me" by Sam Smith

Pass. I just realized this song is ALREADY a parody of an old Tom Petty song!

Parody of "Call Me Maybe" → "Call Me Ishmael"

Yeah, it's kinda forced, but who cares...
Kids LOVE arcane Herman Melville references!

Let's DO THIS!!



Parody of theme from "Ghostbusters" called
"TOASTCRUSTERS"!



You know those people who cut the crusts off their toast?? Man, I HATE those people!! Finally, those idiots are going to get what's COMING TO THEM!!!

Turn "50 Ways to Leave Your Lover" by Paul Simon into

"50 Ways to Lose Your Liver"

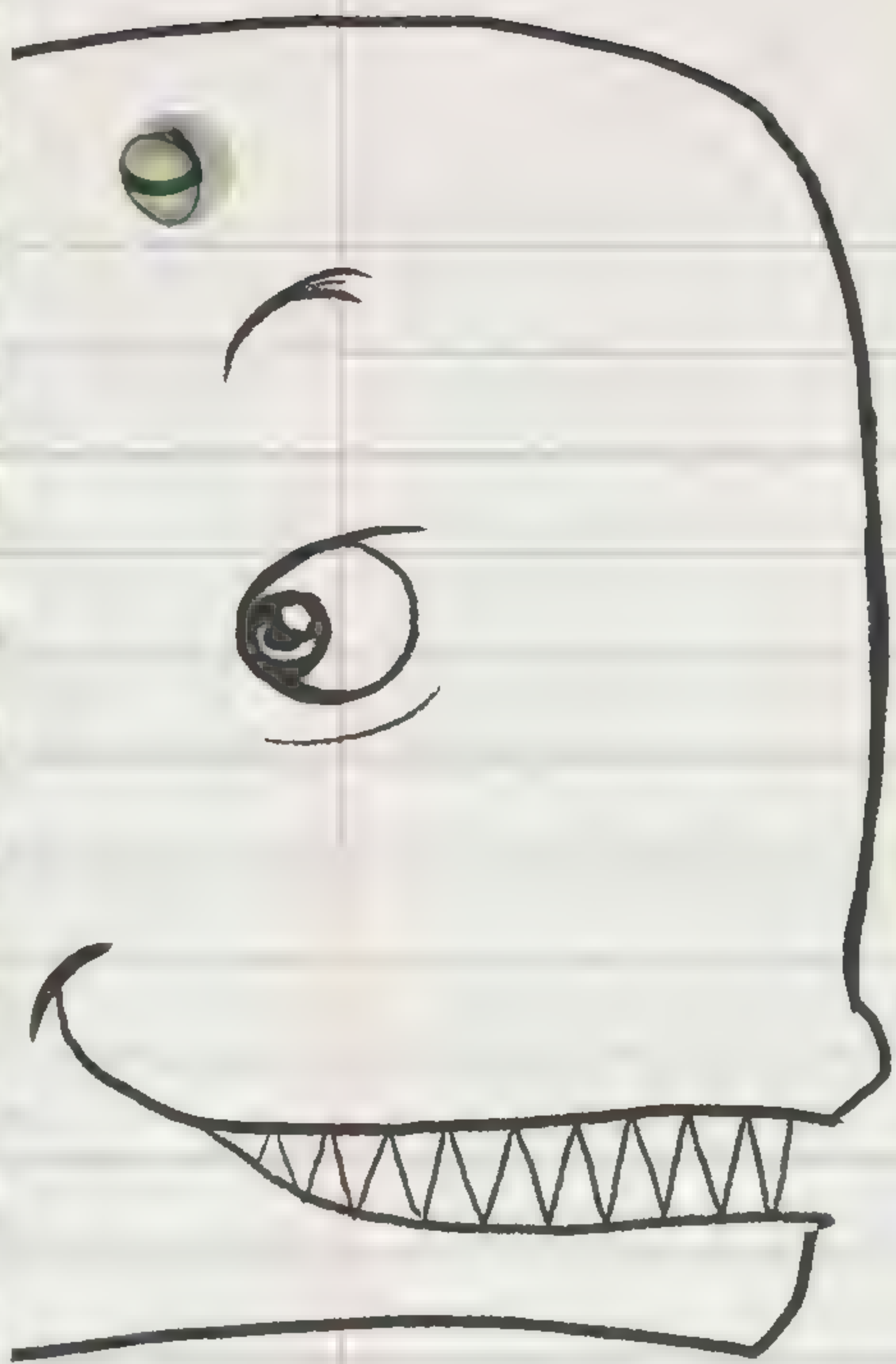
Great potential here. This could be the best Public Service Announcement of all time! I could list every single thing that causes liver damage (I'm assuming there are exactly 50 of them). Let's see...alcoholism, malnutrition, eating poisonous mushrooms... why, that's three right there! This one practically writes itself! Hmm, I wonder where I'll put my Peabody Award?

"Gettin' Jiggy Wit It" by Will Smith
I know this is low-hanging fruit, but come on, how can I resist

"Gettin' Ziggy Wit It"?

Time to pay a long-overdue tribute to that bulbous-headed icon of the funny pages!





"Moves Like Jagger"
by Maroon 5

"MOVES
LIKE
SHATNER"

Mick Jagger's got nothing on
Captain Kirk, and this song will
prove it beyond all reasonable doubt!
I can just imagine the spontaneous
nerd-gasm when THIS baby hits the web!



Beastie Boys - "(You Gotta) Fight
For Your Right to **POLKA!**"

yes!! Not only is this going to be my new mantra in life, but hopefully it'll spearhead an entire
nationwide polka movement! (REMINDER: Don't forget to have your lederhosen dry-cleaned)

Parody of "ACCIDENTAL RACIST"

by Brad Paisley & LL Cool J

This is obviously a heartfelt song about a delicate
subject matter, so I need to be very careful with this.

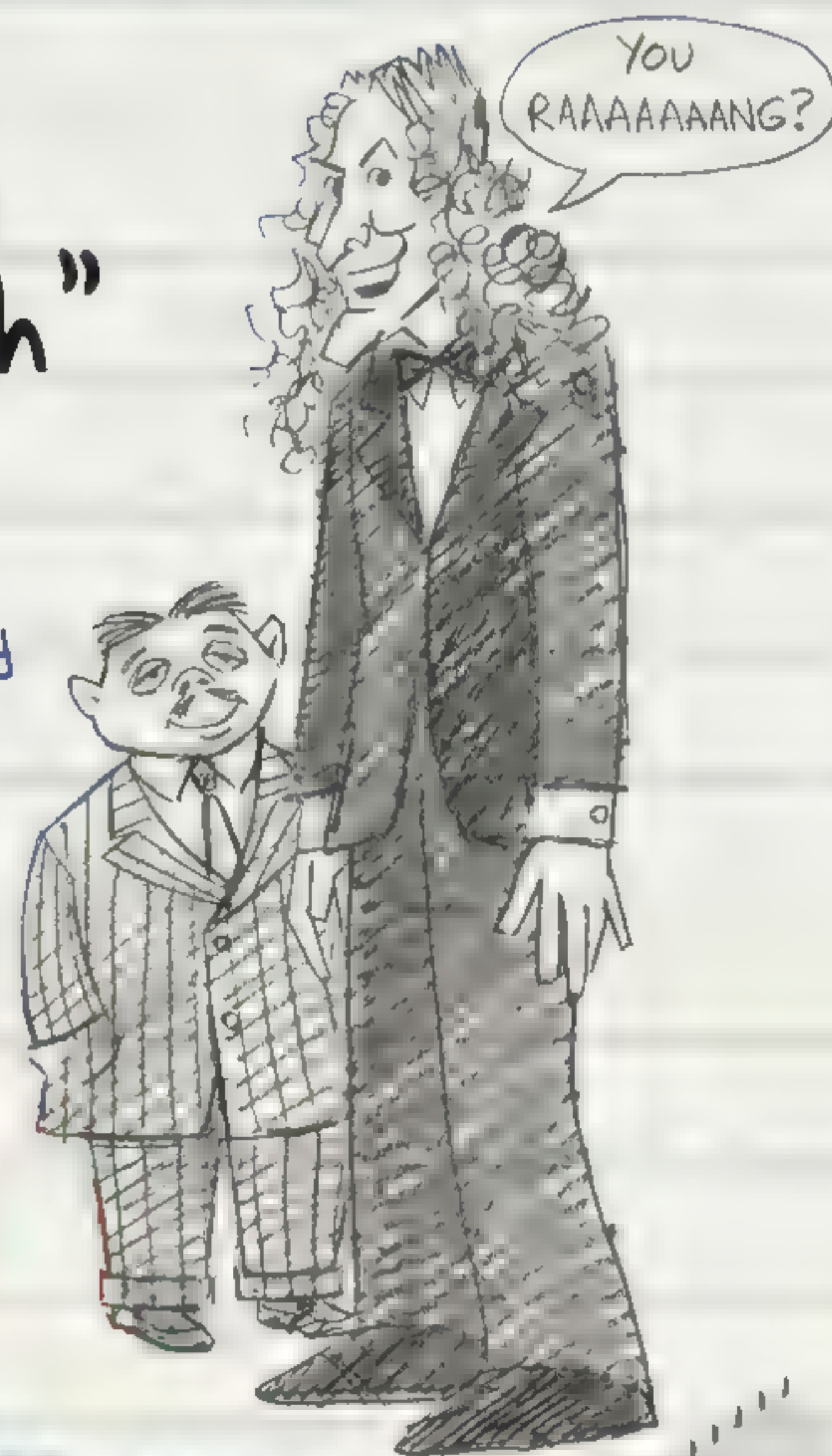
Wait, I got it... **"ACCIDENTAL NAZI"**!! Hey, maybe
I can get Mel Brooks to do the rapping part!



Parody of
"Take Me
to Church"
by Hozier

It's like Hozier wrote
this song just so I could
do my long-awaited
Addams Family homage,

**"Take Me
to Lurch!"**



Parody of "Wrecking Ball"
by Miley Cyrus

Let's me honest, NOBODY wants to see me
naked on a wrecking ball. But...naked in a
"Shopping Mall"?

Twerking between a Jamba Juice and the
Banana Republic? Somehow I think the
whole world has been waiting for THAT!





Ever since Alex Haley wrote the book *Roots*, Americans have been obsessed with their ancestors. Catering to this obsession is Ancestry.com, a website that claims to be an expert on family trees — specifically saps in family trees who will shell out money to learn about long-dead relatives. Log on! Maybe you'll learn you're related to royalty! (A long shot.) Maybe you'll learn Abraham Lincoln was your second cousin twice removed. (A remote possibility.) More than likely you'll encounter...

THINGS LEARN

YOU'VE DONE IT
AGAIN, ARTURO!

THAT LEG OF LARRY
WAS OFF THE HOOK!

That your family's distinguished
contribution to the culinary arts included
a gig with the Donner Party

That your great-great-
great-grandfather was
the original "Tom" in
"Peeping Tom"

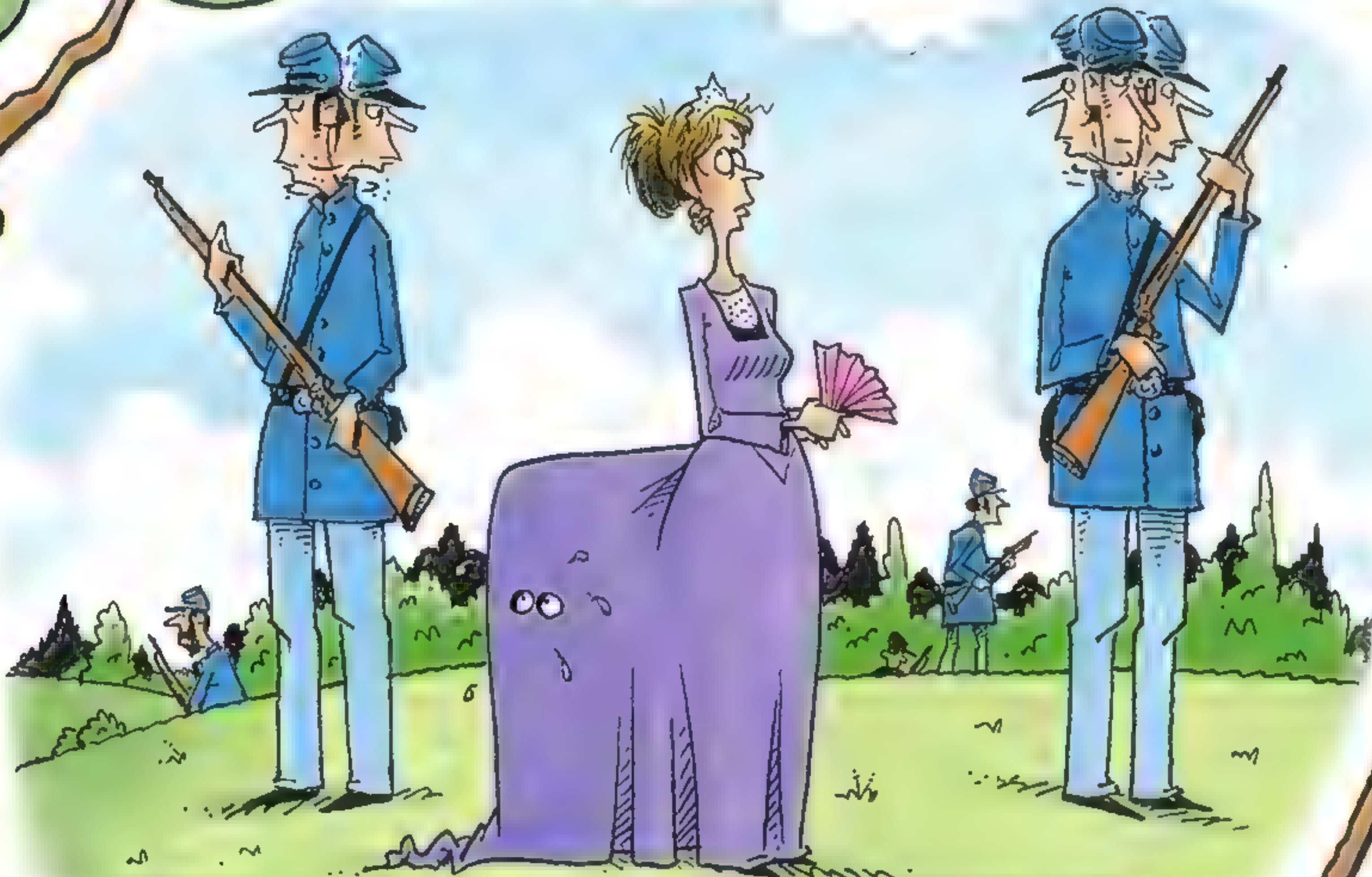
That the growth of your
family tree over two centuries
was primarily the result of
conjugal visits

IT'S NOT YOU.
IT'S ME,
AUNT SYLVIA...

That the cougar
you've been
dating has her
stilettos dipped
in the same
biological puddle
as you

WRITER AND ARTIST:
JOHN CALDWELL

YOU NEVER WANT TO FROM ancestry.com



That the historically accurate position for a family member during any Civil War reenactment would be "deserter hiding in the bustle"



That your surname is what it is today only because some wise-ass customs agent at Ellis Island decided it would be fun to punk your great-grandfather



That you'll need to upgrade your membership in order to explore the "serial killers" branch of your family tree



That obesity didn't just run in your family, it headlined sideshows





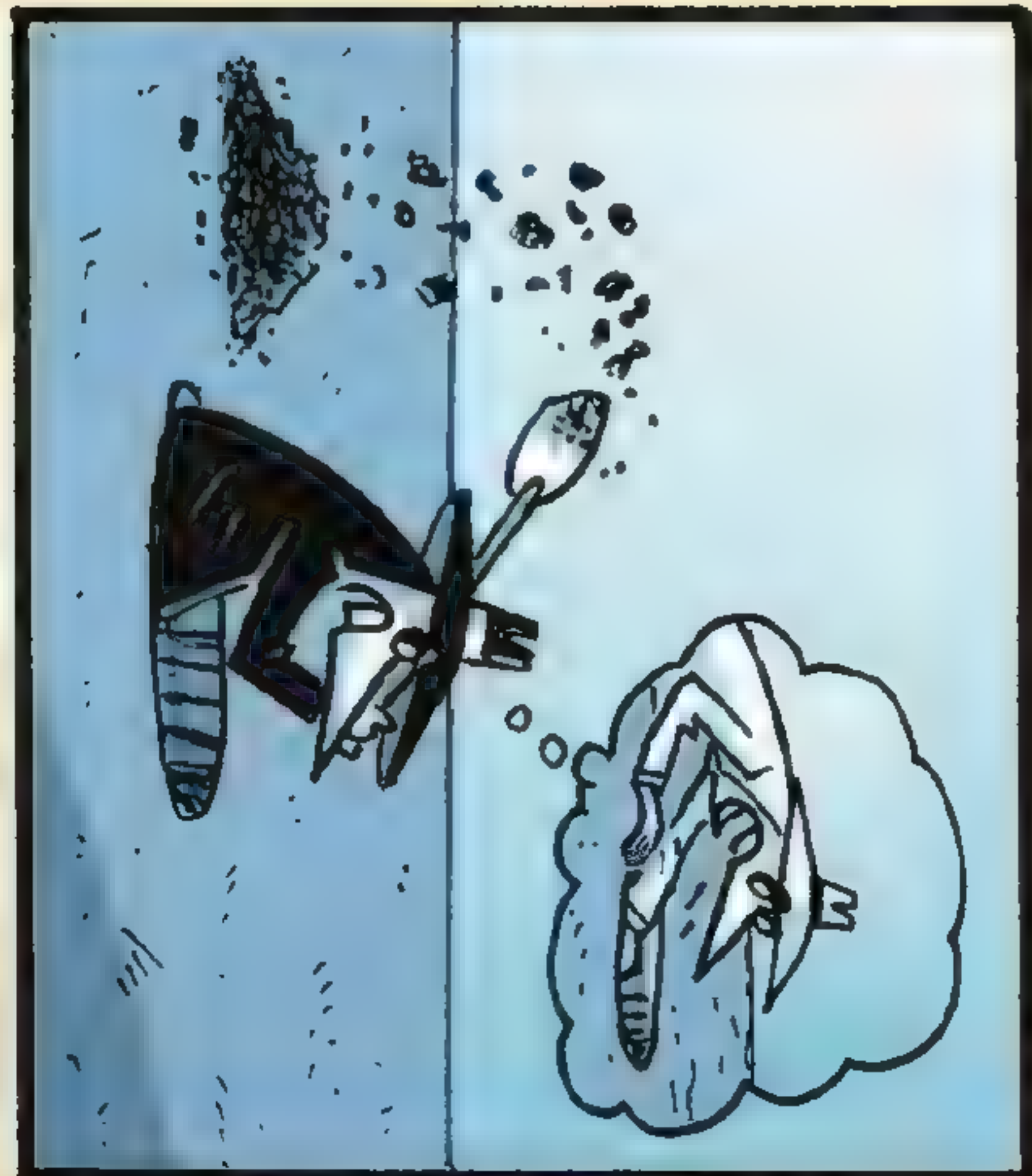
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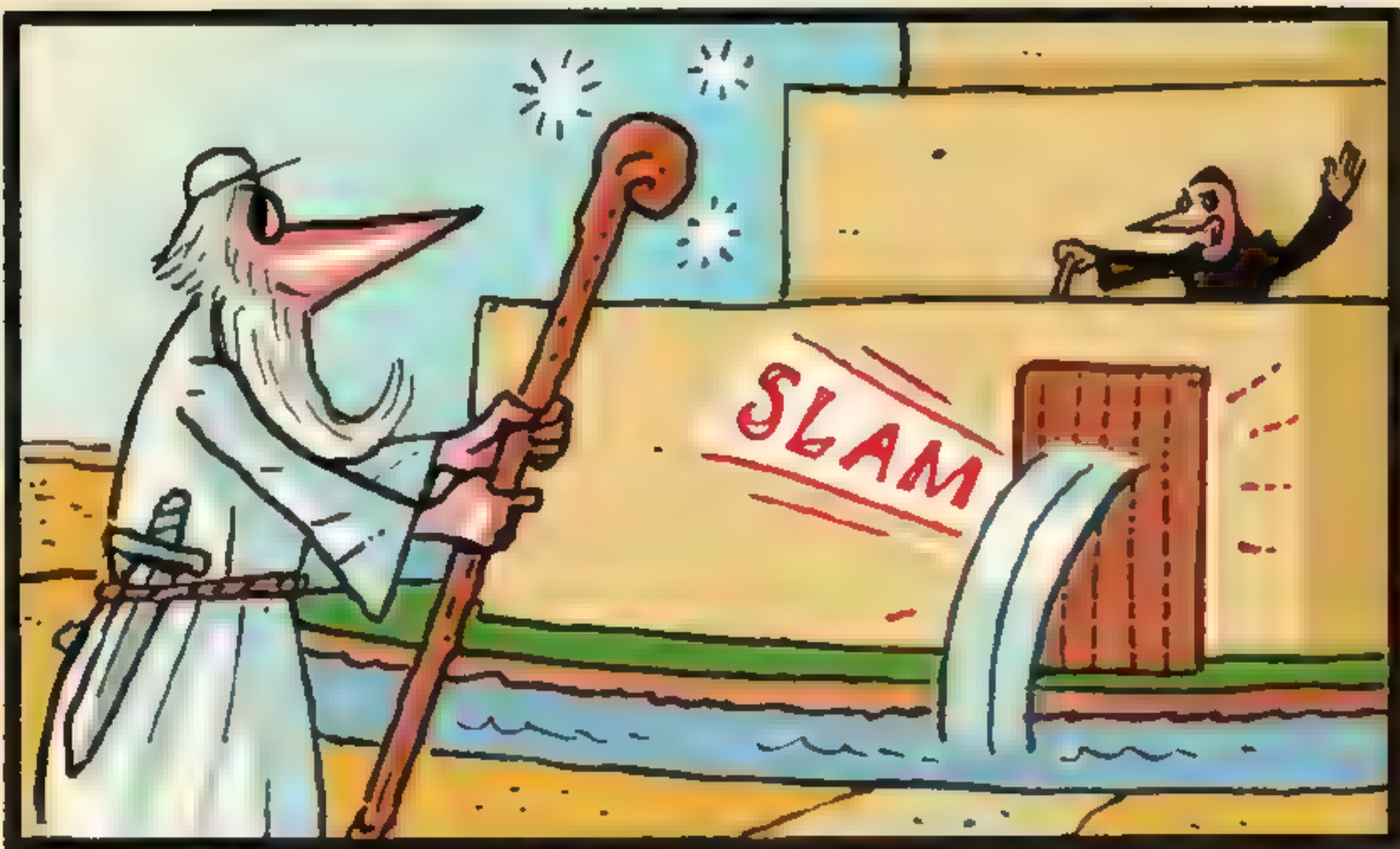
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WRITER AND ARTIST: PETER KUPER



SPY VS SPY



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I always love it when fans come up to me to say hello and ask a question. Only problem is, sometimes the questions they ask aren't the most "logical." Don't know what I mean? You will — thanks to Al Jaffee and his brand-new, exclusive...

Are you shooting a music video?



No, I'm shooting the next *Star Wars* sequel — we're taking it in a very different direction!

No, I'm about to Skype with my Aunt Betty — she appreciates the production value!

No, I'm shooting an instructional video called "How to talk to complete morons." Have a seat!

Are those your Grammys?



No, they're Lionel Richie's Grammys — you'd be amazed what you can get at yard sales around here!

No, they're tiny, gold-plated record players — I really *spoil* my pet hamsters!

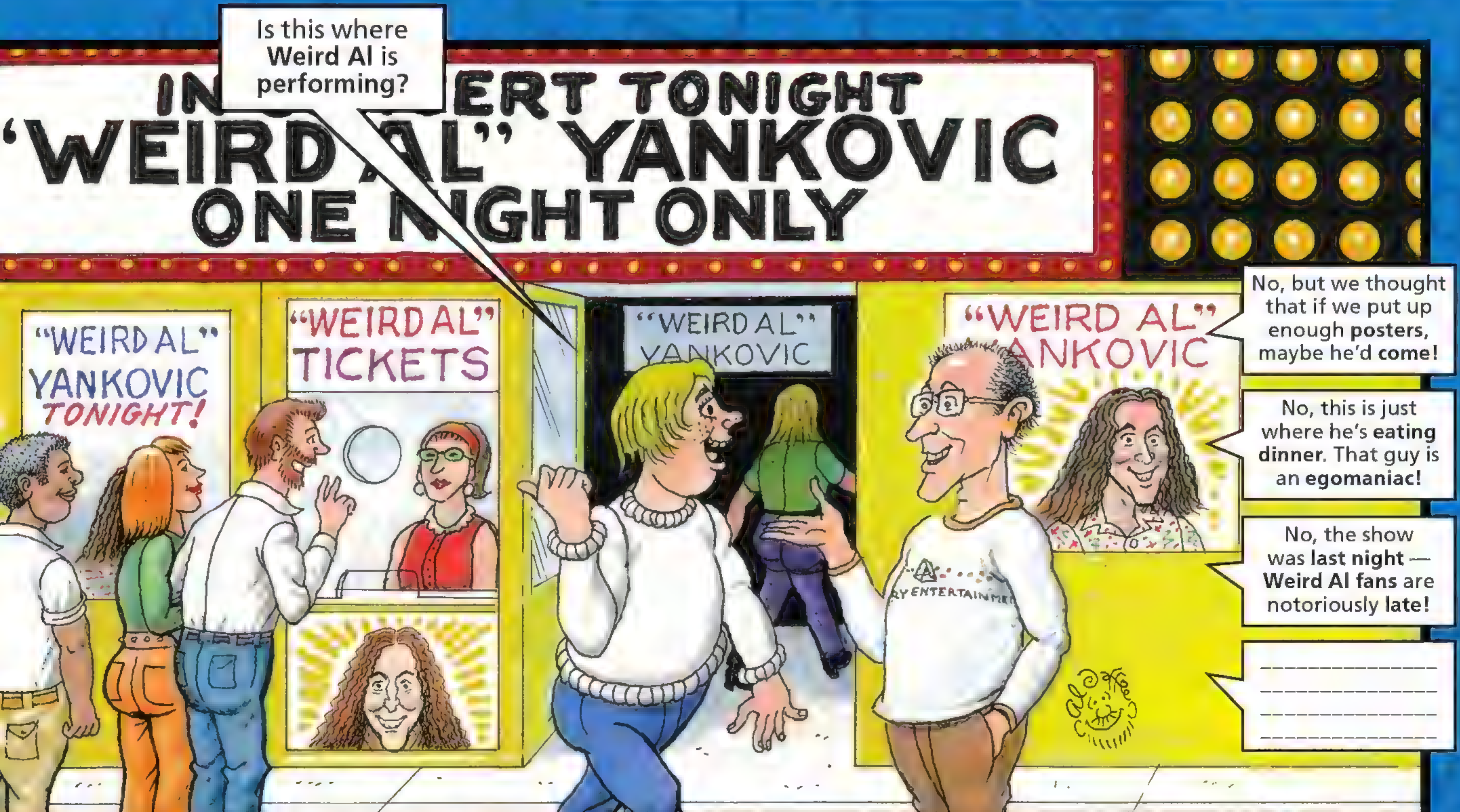
No, those are my Oscars! I was a revelation as Erin Brockovich!

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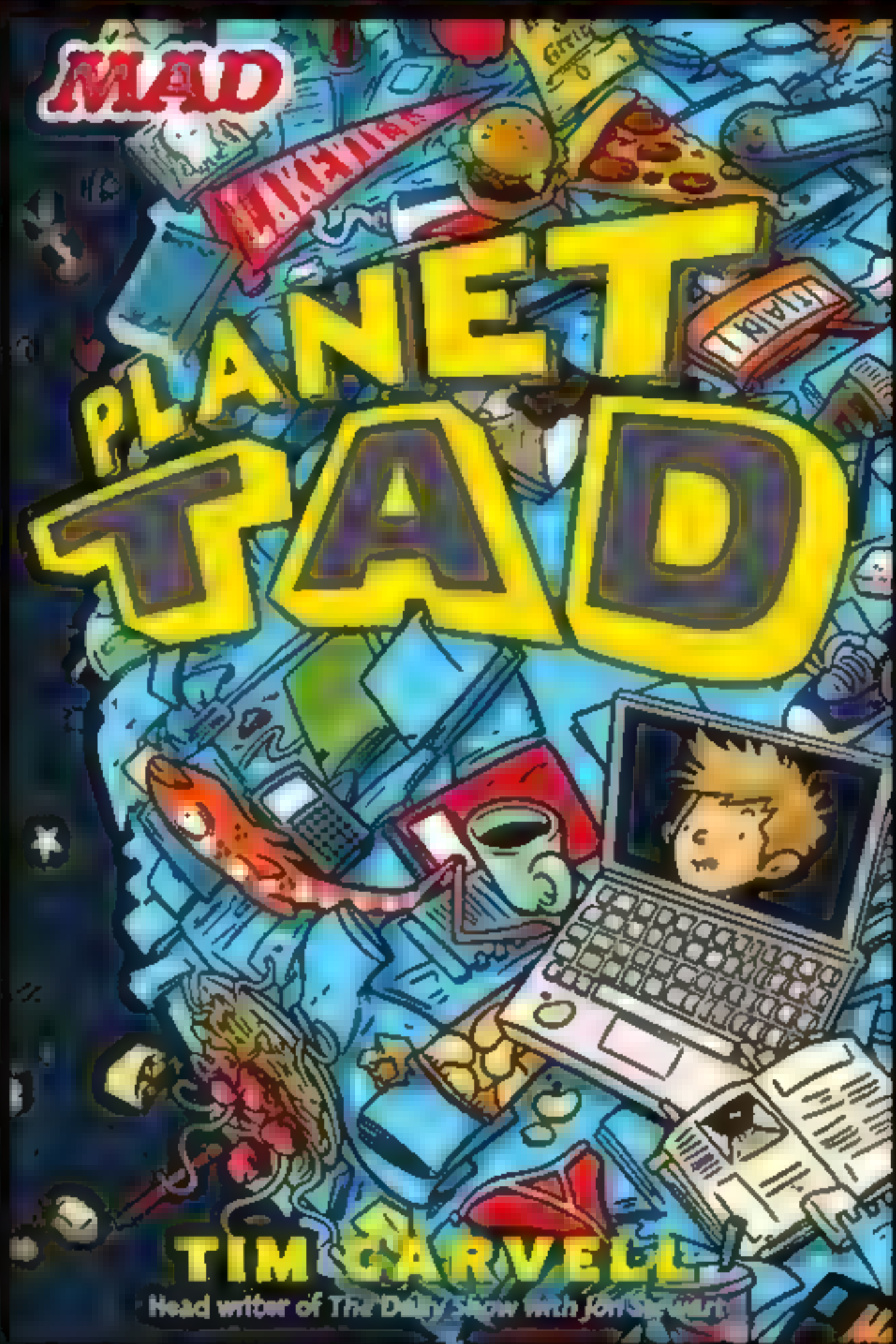


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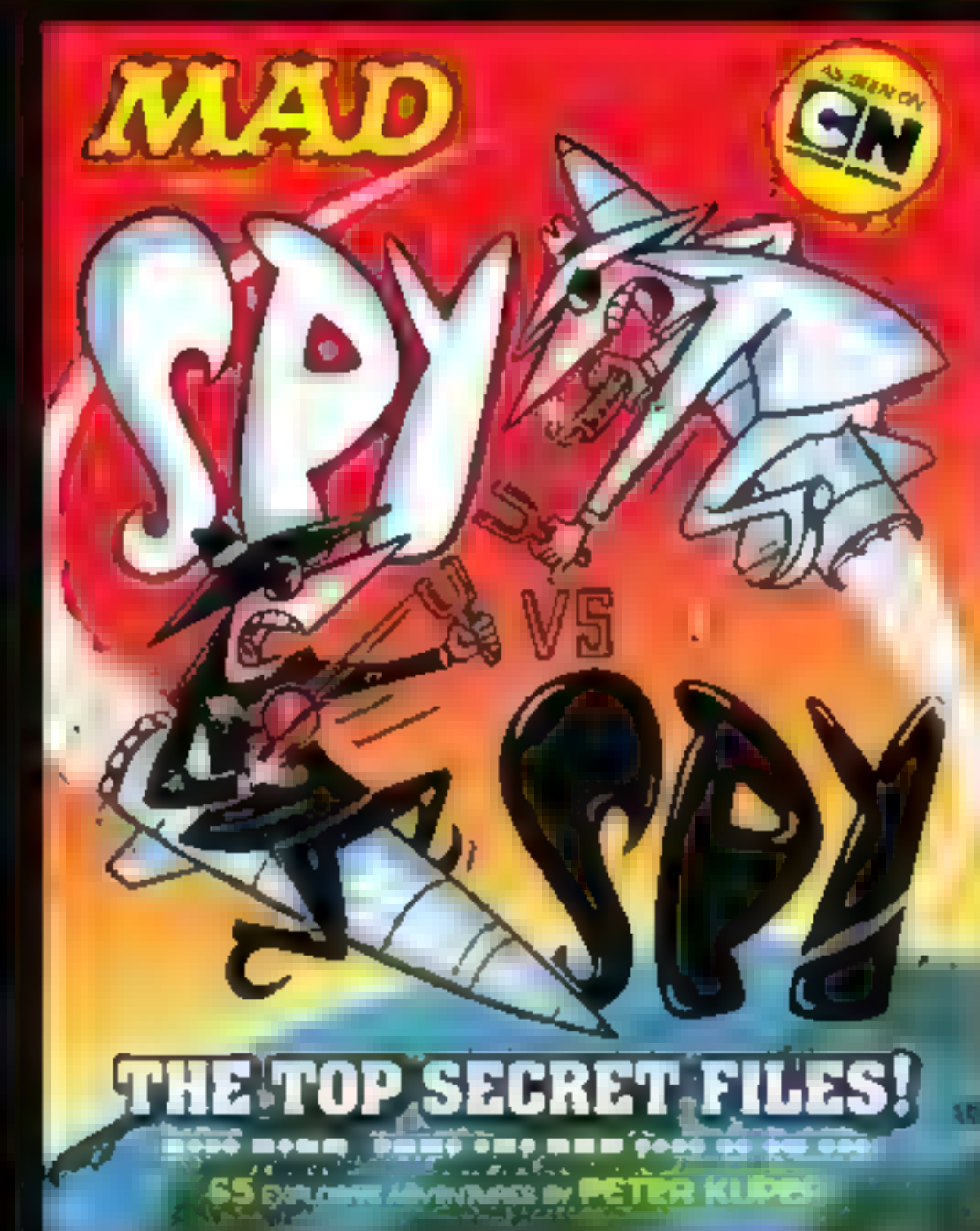
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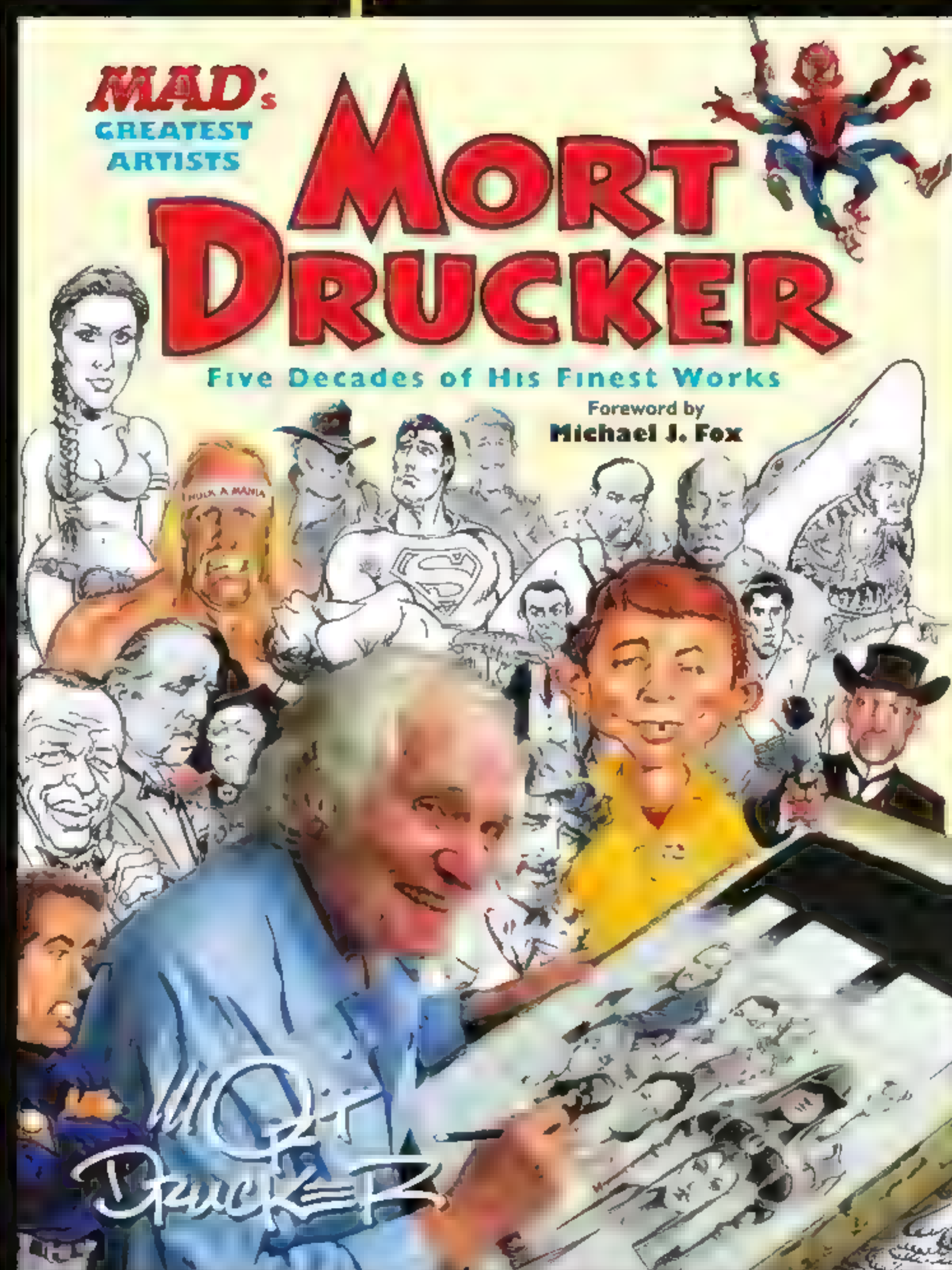
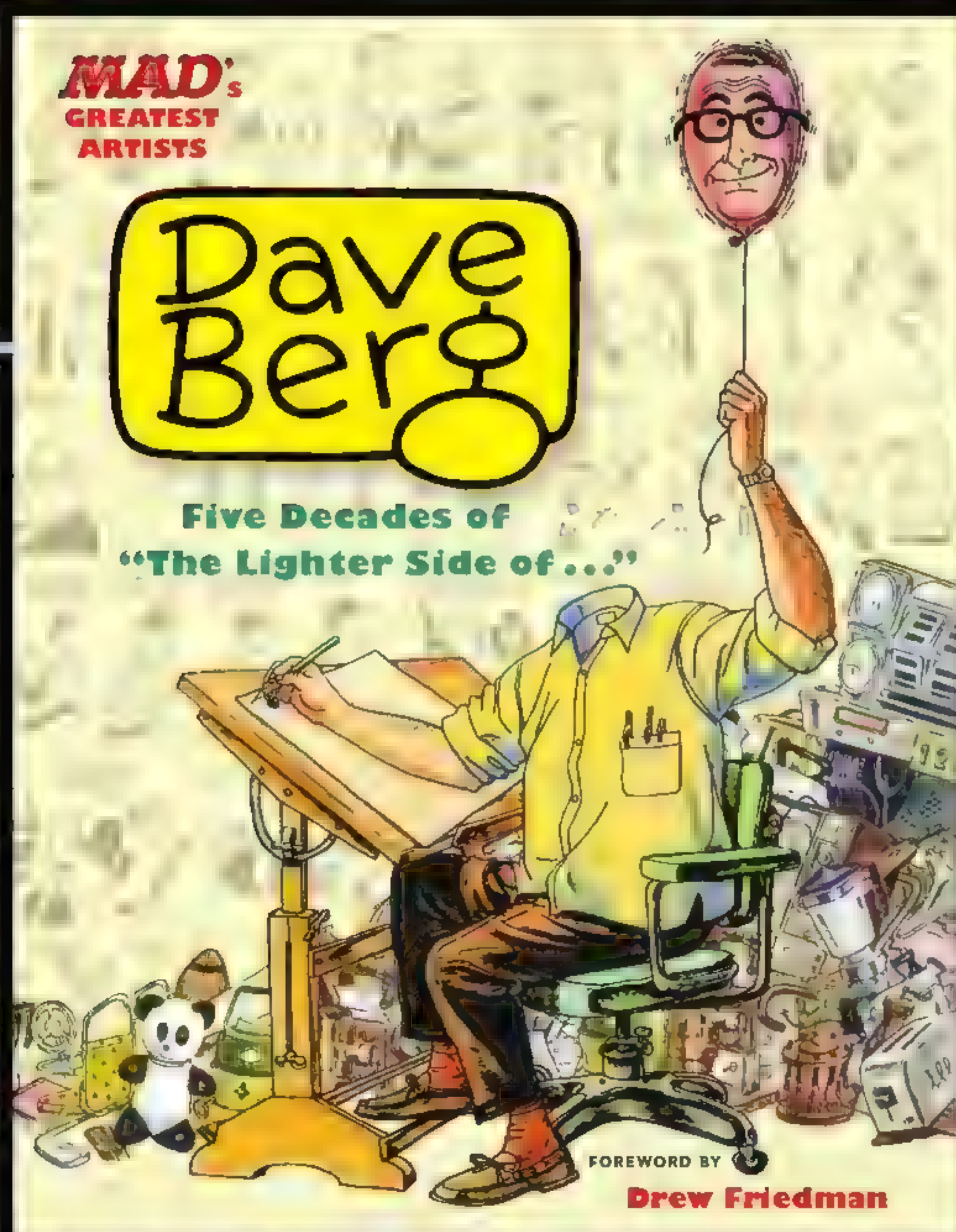


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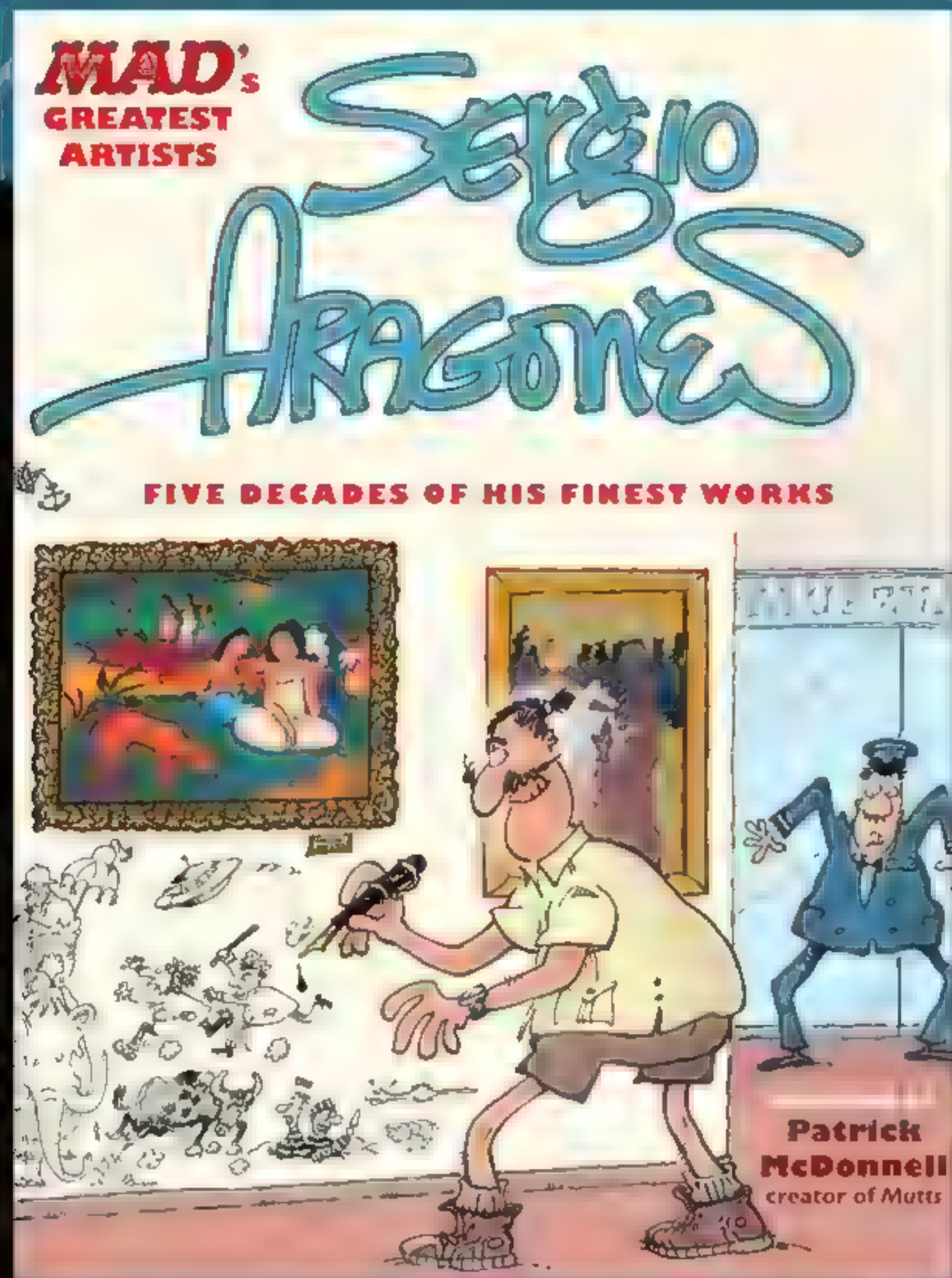
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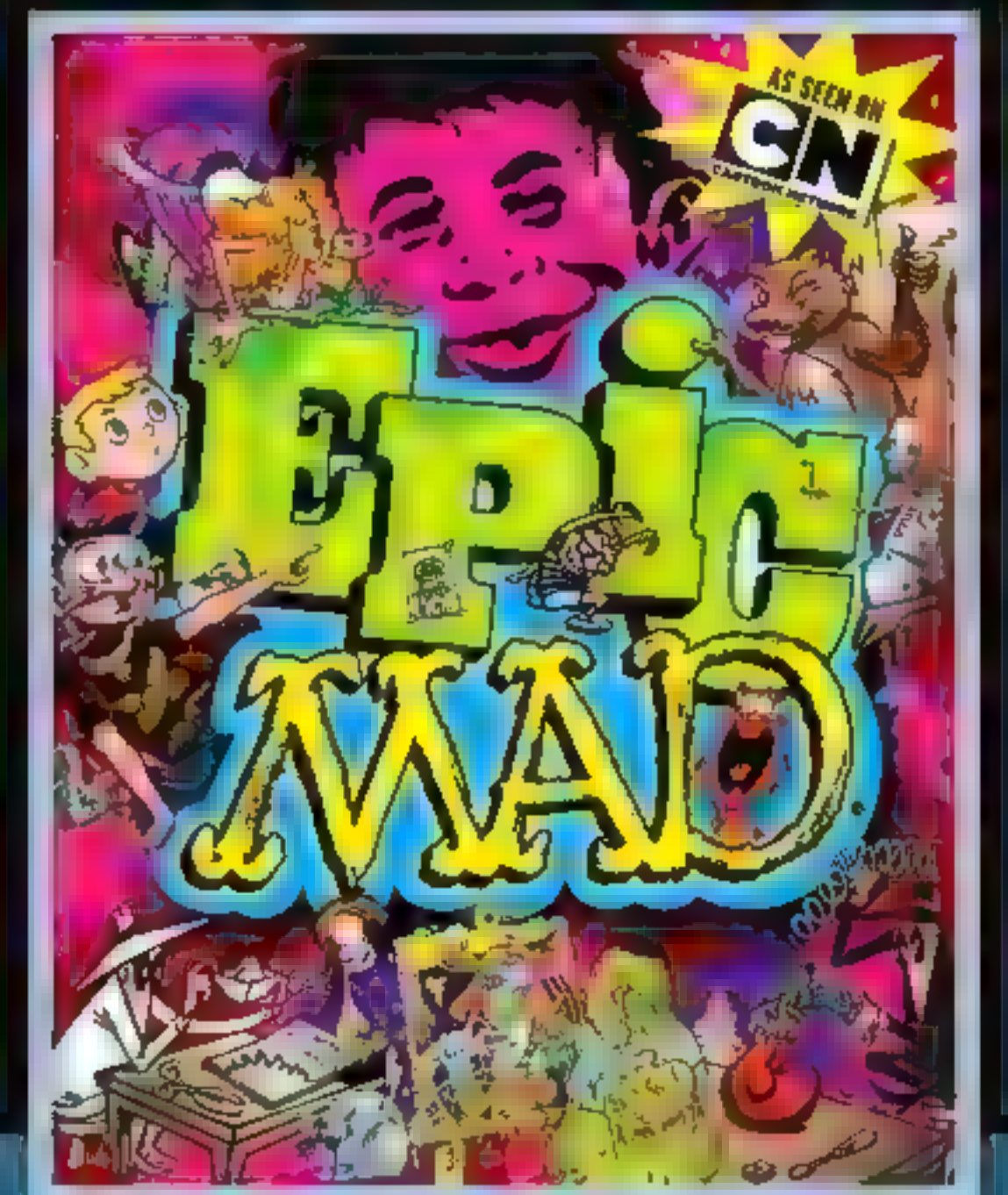
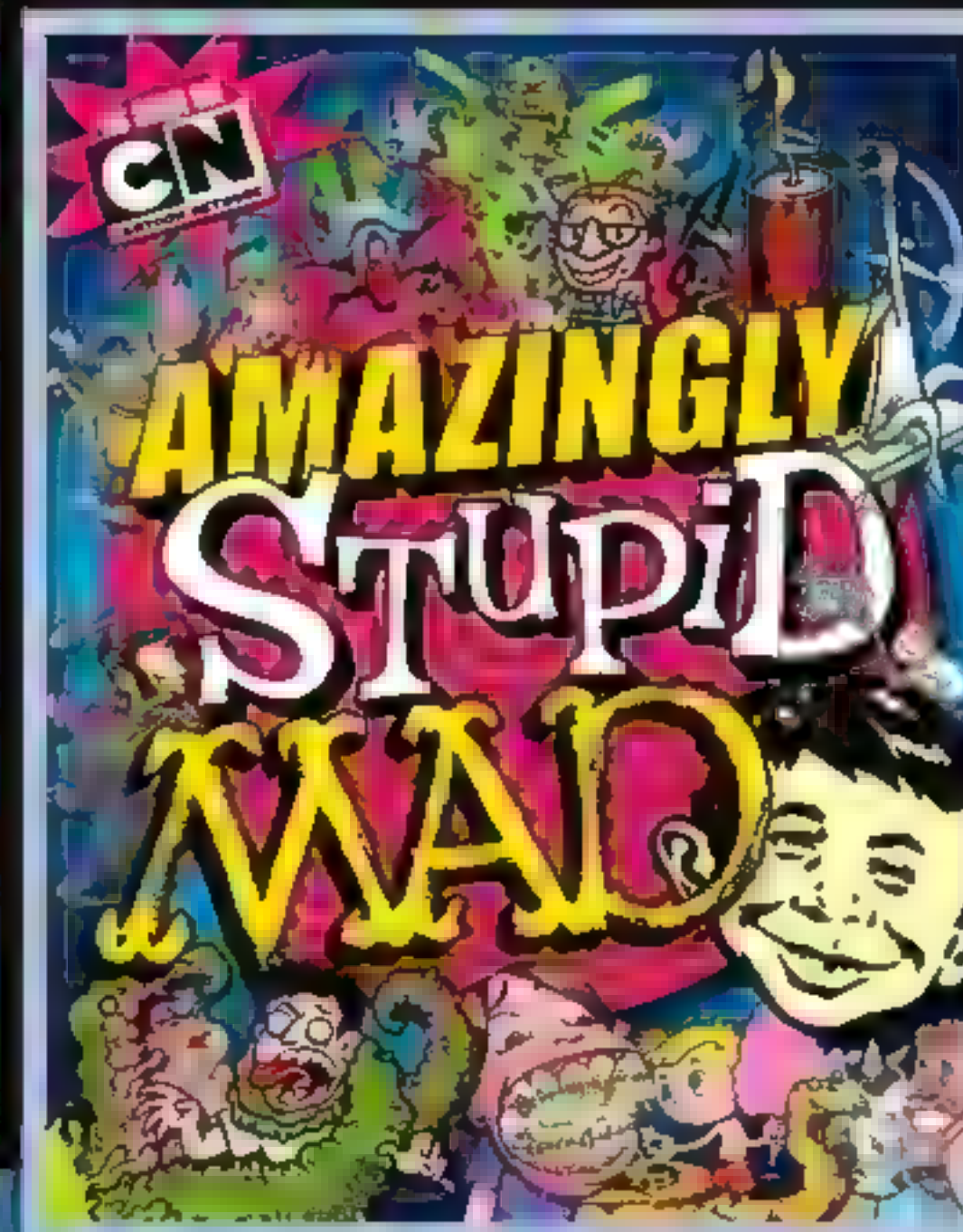
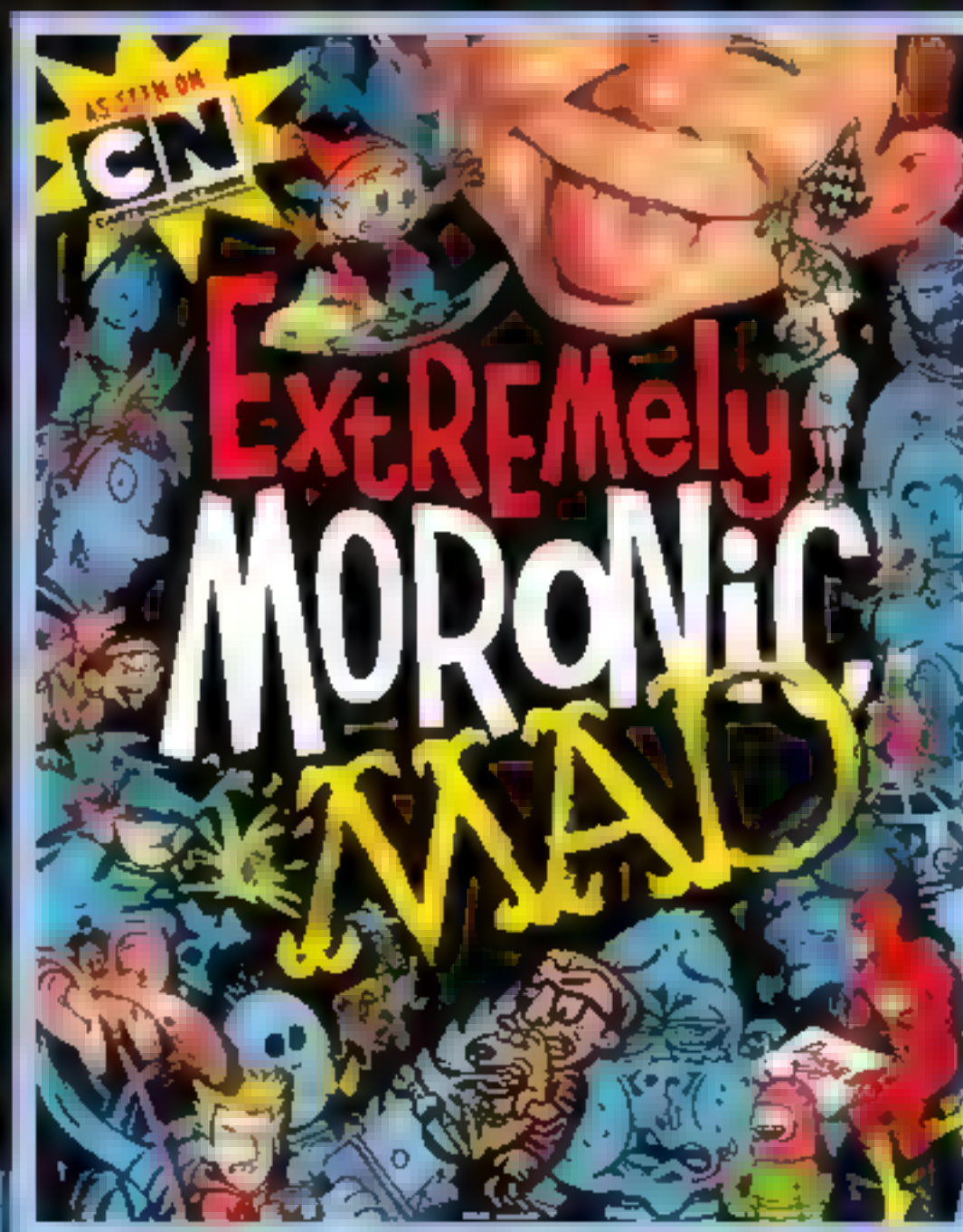
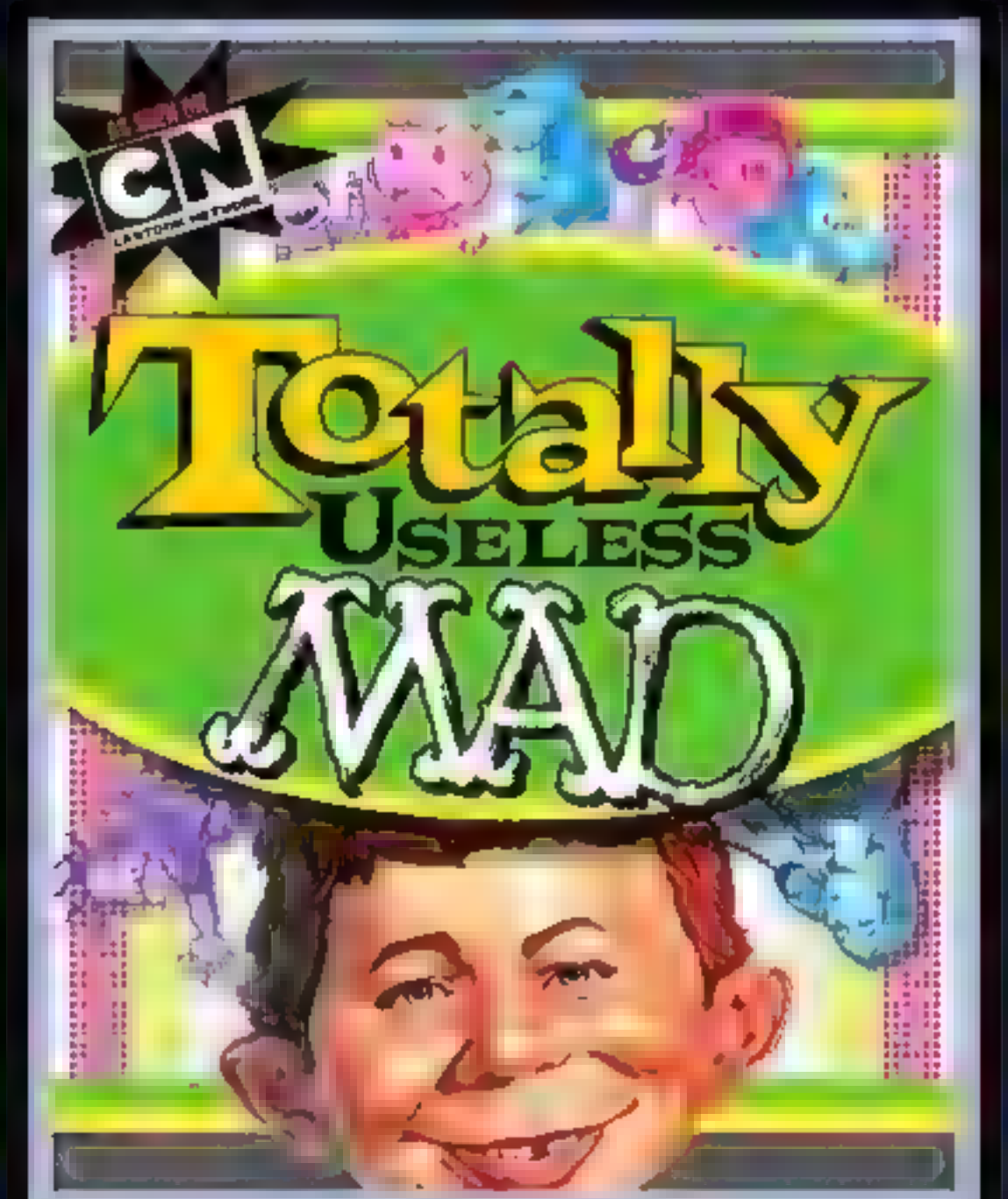
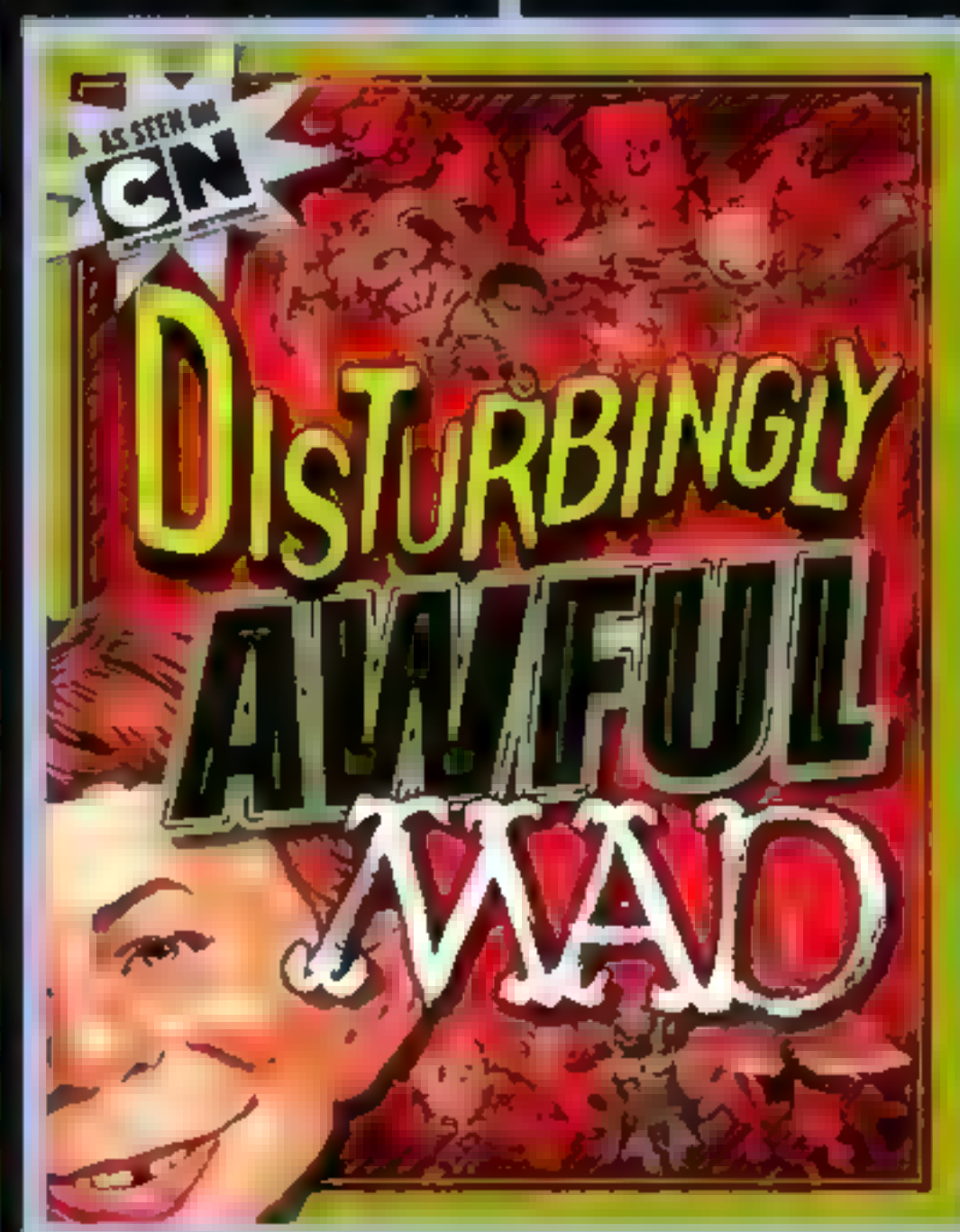
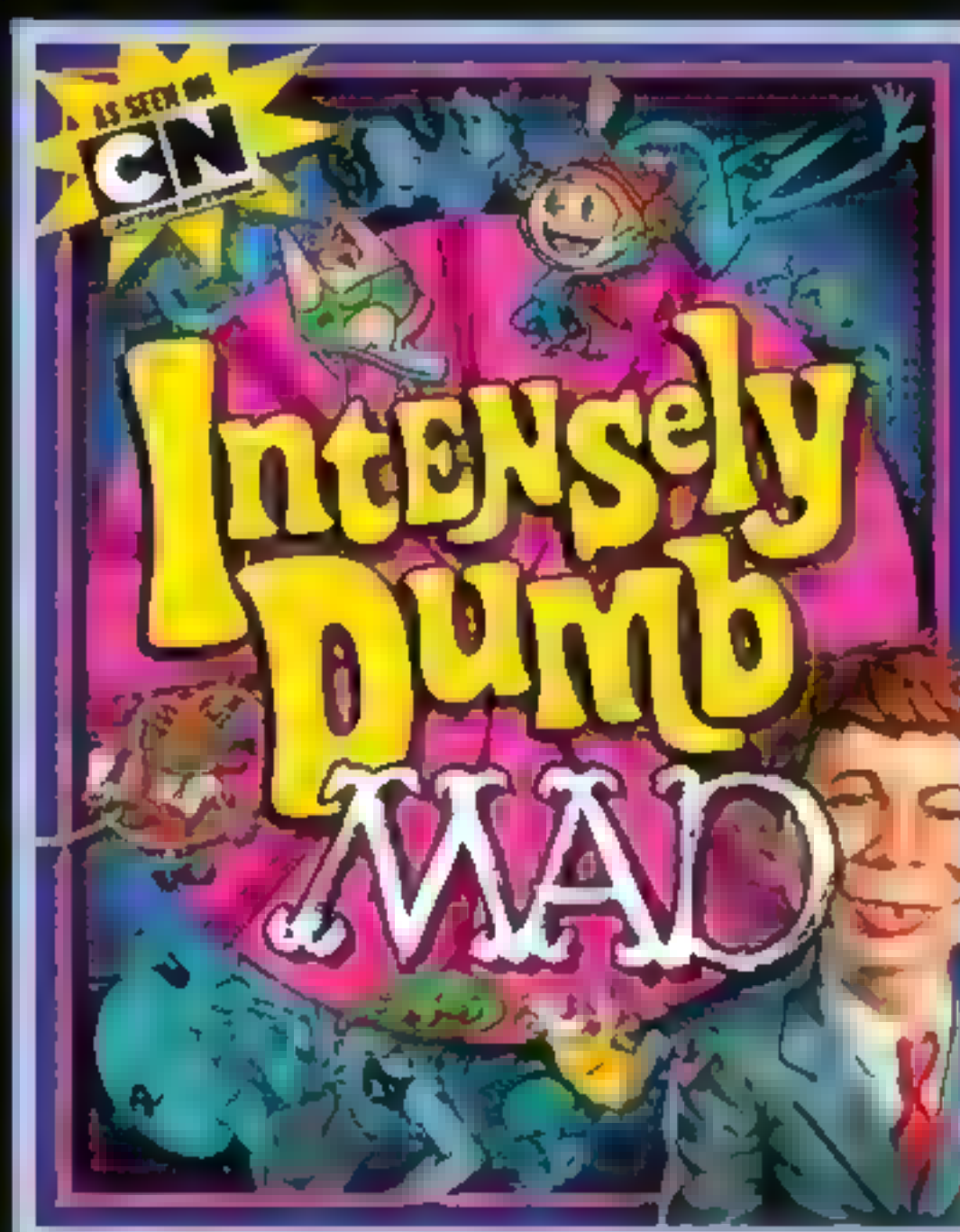
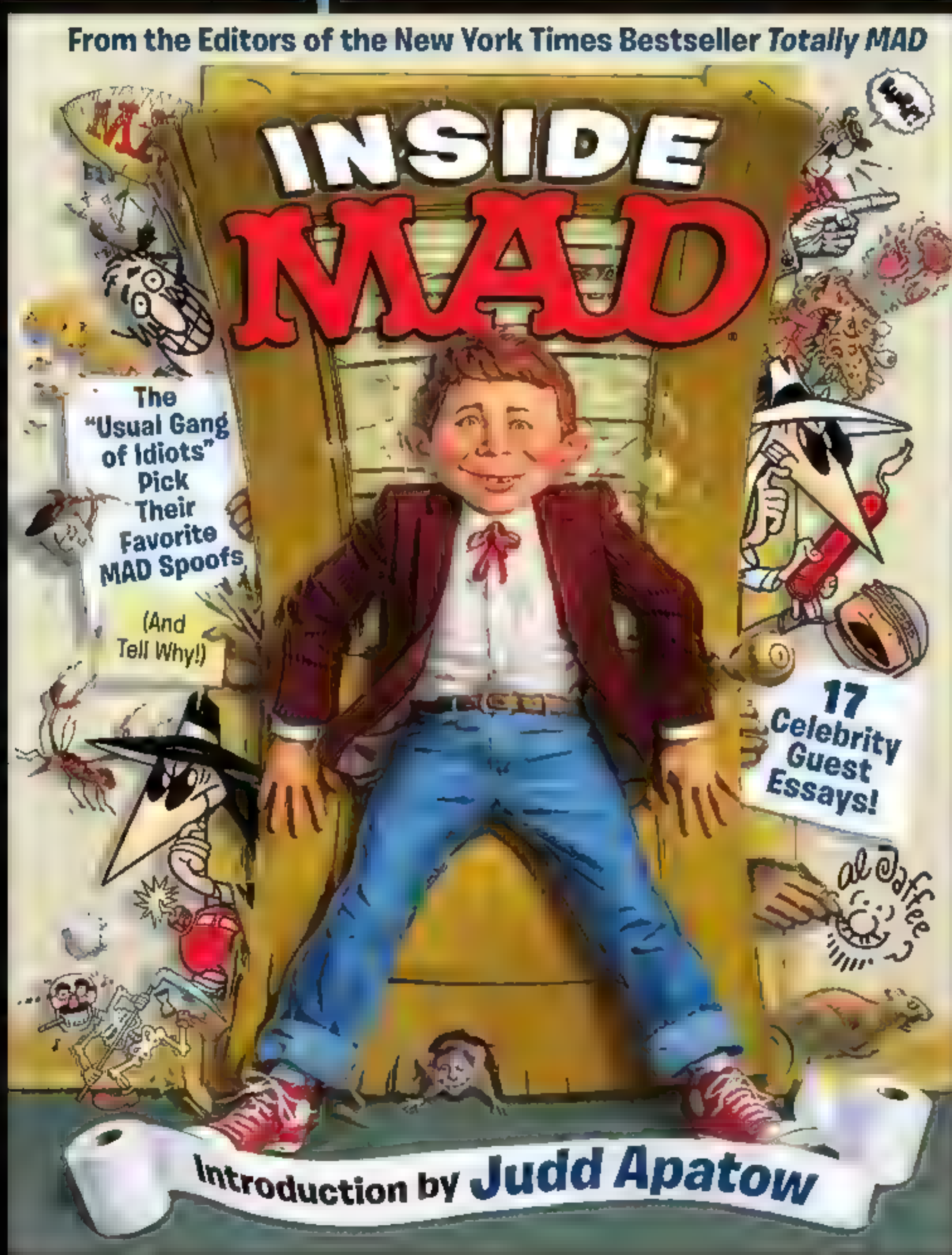


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Yes, hard as it may be to believe, there are still a few poor, unfortunate souls in this world who have never had the joy of experiencing a "Weird Al" Yankovic concert. I know, I know... *pathetic*, right? Well, since these people lead such sad, empty lives, I've taken pity on them and coerced the folks at MAD into sending one of their artists to capture all the magic. Here's...

MAD's TOM BUNK



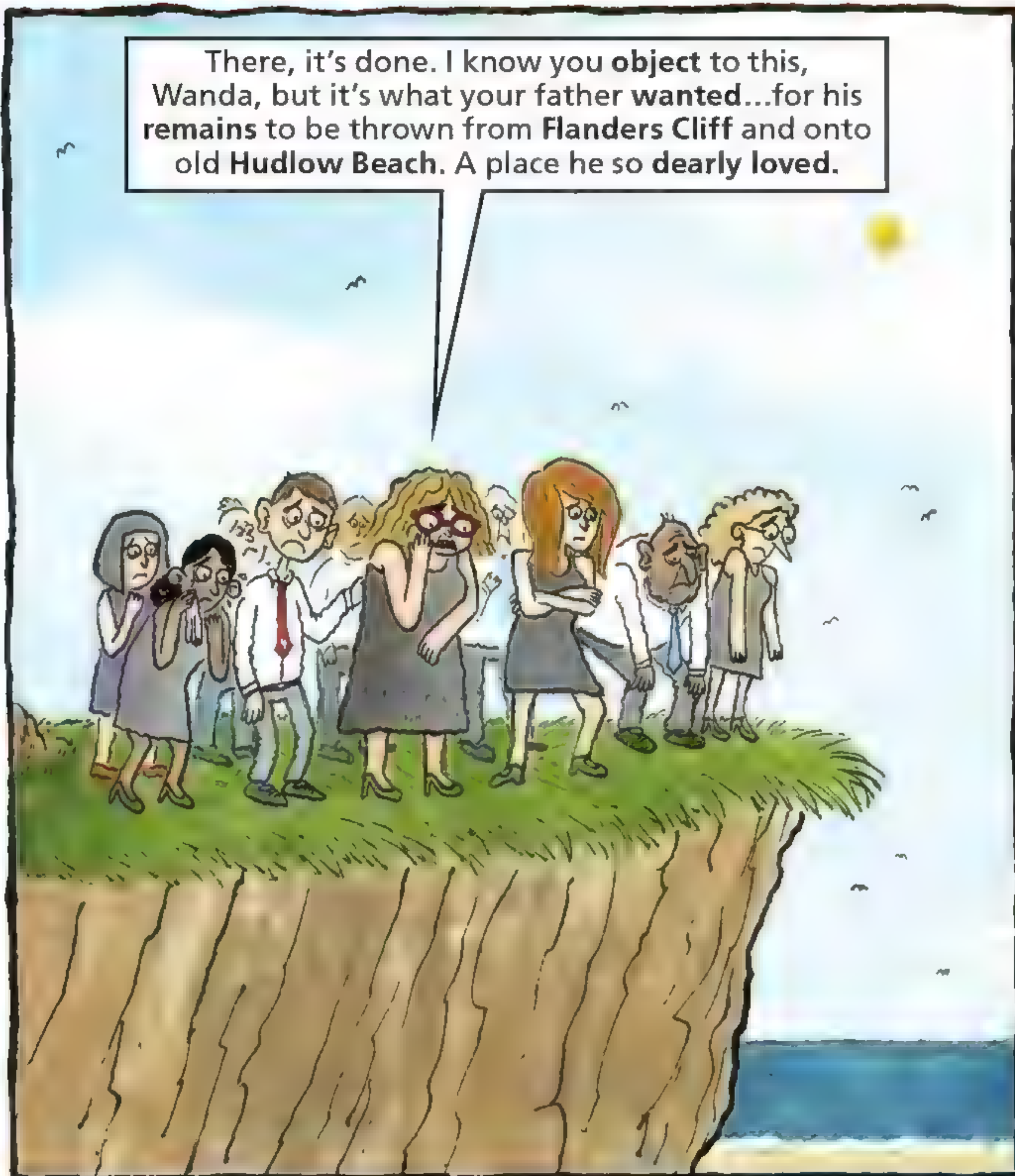
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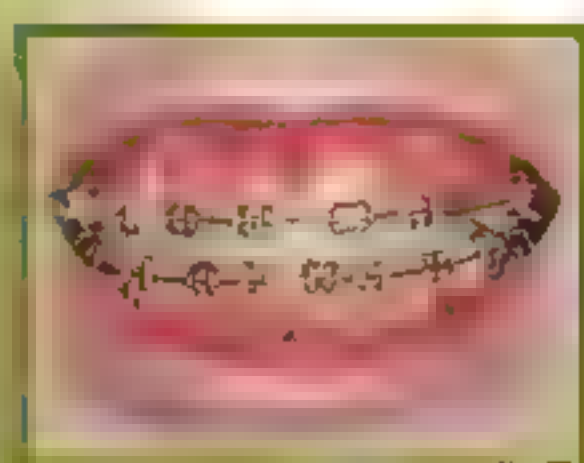
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APRIL 6, 2015

Today I went to see my dentist. In his waiting room, he had one of those "All I Really Need To Know I Learned in Kindergarten" posters. I don't think he realizes how little confidence that gives me in his dentistry.

All I really need to know I learned in kindergarten



APRIL 9, 2015

Ugh, bad day at school. I was late to class, and was hurrying, so Vice Principal Brady stopped me and gave me a detention for running in the halls. I said, "But now I'm going to be late to class!" And then he gave me a second detention for talking back to him. And so then I started walking very slowly to class, but he thought my slow walking was "sarcastic", so I got a third detention. I asked him whether there was even a rule against sarcastic walking, and he said, "Do you want a fourth detention?" And I said "No", and went to class, where I was marked tardy.

I hate Vice Principal Brady — everyone does. He gives out detentions for everything: Violations of dress code, going the wrong way in the hallway — he even once gave my friend Chuck a detention for swearing because he heard him say, "I hate this dam assignment" and refused to believe that Chuck was literally working on a physics assignment about how dams work.

APRIL 10, 2015

So, I was sitting in detention today, and was thinking about Vice Principal Brady. And I started thinking about how it would be fun to put his name into a song — sort of like how Weird Al does. I spent a lot of time trying to think of words that rhyme with "vice principal", but almost nothing does, except for "invincible", which was sort of the opposite of what I was going for. But then it hit me that his last name could work in a song, and pretty quickly, I came up with a version of "Call Me Maybe" about him. The chorus goes:

Hey, I just stopped you
And this is crazy
But here's detention
Call me Brady.

I'm pretty proud of it. The only downside is, now I've got it stuck in my head, because "Call Me Maybe" is a really, really catchy song.

APRIL 10, 2015

There's something so weird about the premise of "Cinderella". Like, "Hi — I think we fell in love last night, but I can't be sure. Let me see your foot. Yep. That's you."



APRIL 13, 2015

At lunch today, I told my friends Chuck and Kevin about the song, and they both liked it — Chuck especially, since he's still angry about the whole "getting detention for saying dam" thing. I'm beginning to think that this might be my "thing" — writing parody songs about school administrators.

APRIL 14, 2015

Today at school, I heard Liz McCarthy, who's a sophomore, singing my song about Mr. Brady, which was sort of surprising. And then, a little later, I saw Mr. Brady walking down the hallway, and as he passed, some juniors started humming "Call Me Maybe" and laughing. My fake song is a hit!

It felt pretty great, until Julie Marcus, who's in my geometry class, started telling me all about this hilarious new song about Mr. Brady...that Zack Chambers wrote. And then she sang my own song back to me! I said, "That's not Zack's song. That's mine!" And she said, "No, I'm pretty sure it's his. He said he came up with it last week." And her friend Lisa Feldman said, "Yeah, it's the sort of song Zack would write. He's really funny." And they all agreed that it was Zack's song.

I told Chuck and Kevin about it, and Chuck realized: He sang the song for Eric Chambers, who's Zack's younger brother. So Eric probably told Zack, and Zack decided to take credit for it. Kevin said, "Well, on the bright side, Zack's really popular, so it's kind of flattering that he chose to steal your song, right?" Somehow, that didn't make it any better.

APRIL 15, 2015

So, I went and talked to Zack today — I told him that I'd heard he was saying that he'd written my song. He said, "No, I didn't. I just sang it for other people, and they assumed I wrote it." And I said, "Well, can you let everyone know that you didn't write it?" And he said, "I could...but I'm kind of liking having everyone think that I wrote it. Besides, I did change 'detention' to 'suspension' when I sang it, so in a way, I at least co-wrote it, right?" And I said, "No. That's not how anything works."

APRIL 16, 2015

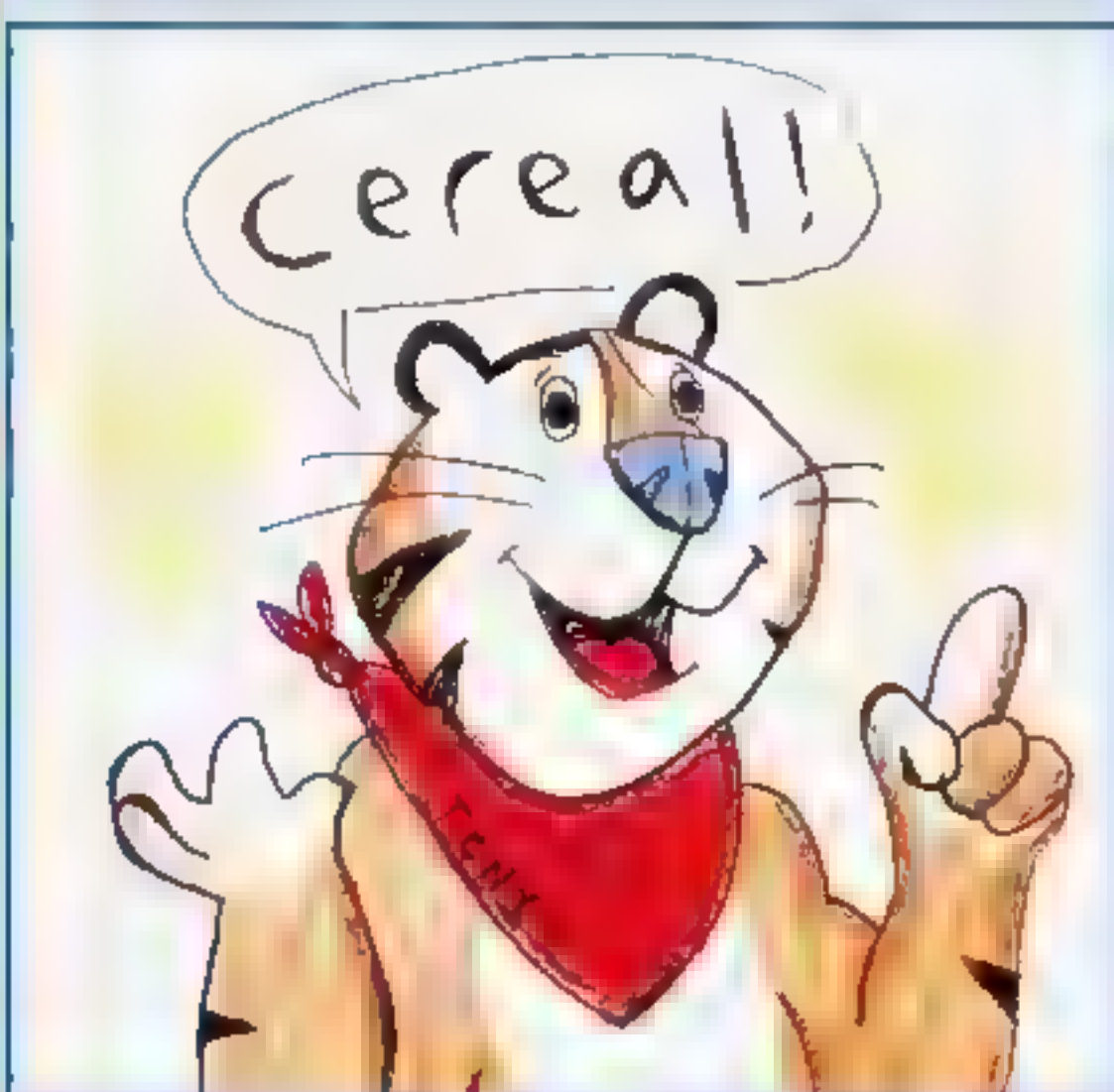
I feel like the people at Kellogg's who came up with the slogan for Frosted Flakes must've been incredibly lazy:

"Hey, for a slogan, how about, 'They're great'?"

"That's not even a slogan, that's just a statement."

"What if a tiger says it sort of weird?"

"Sure."



APRIL 17, 2015

Argh. I asked Chuck and Kevin to tell everyone they knew that Zack stole my song, but it backfired — I overheard two sophomores talking about me today, saying, "There's that kid who tried to steal Zack's song." I keep trying to come up with another parody song about school administrators, to show everyone that I can write them, but it's been harder than I thought. I spent most of tonight trying to write one about the mean school nurse, Mrs. Pryzbylewski, but it's really hard to come up with anything that rhymes with Pryzbylewski.

Pebble brewski
Baba Booskie
Old Winooski
Tedy Bruschi
Charleston Chewski
Crossing Moose Ski
Gobbledigooski

APRIL 20, 2015

So, this morning, I finally came up with a good song — a version of "All About That Bass" about the school guidance counselor, Ms. Pace — and came in to school ready to sing it for people and prove that I'm the real master of song parodies, when Chuck and Kevin came up to me excitedly and said, "Did you hear about Zack?" And I said, "Hear what?" And Chuck said, "He got suspended for three days. Mr. Brady heard about the song, and when he asked people who wrote it, everyone said it was Zack." And Kevin said, "I hear it was supposed to be a one-day suspension, but then he kept trying to tell Mr. Brady he didn't write the song, and so Mr. Brady added two extra days for lying." I was so happy, I wrote a whole new song today. It's called "Hit the Road Zack".

But the best news is that I figured out a rhyme for Pryzbylewski. Does anyone know if anyone ever wrote a song about Frisbee moose pee?

LATEST TWEETS

PLANET TAD @PlanetTad 2m
I wonder if the Percy Jackson books were the result of someone going, "I bet you can't make kids read a book with a hero named Percy."

PLANET TAD @PlanetTad 18m
It's hard to find Iron Man that impressive when you realize he's a superhero who can be defeated by rust.

PLANET TAD @PlanetTad 47m
A nice thing about "Jane the Virgin" is watching my parents try and explain the title to my little sister.

PLANET TAD @PlanetTad 2h
The worst name for any food is "Go-Gurt". It sounds like the noise you'd make when vomiting yogurt.

RELATIONSHIP STATUS

Widowed
(does anyone even verify these things?)

FAVORITE MARSUPIAL



Duck-billed platypus

2ND FAVORITE MARSUPIAL



Kangaroo Jack

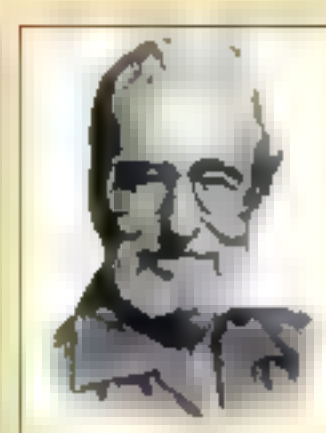
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Doctor Who



Doctor Dolittle

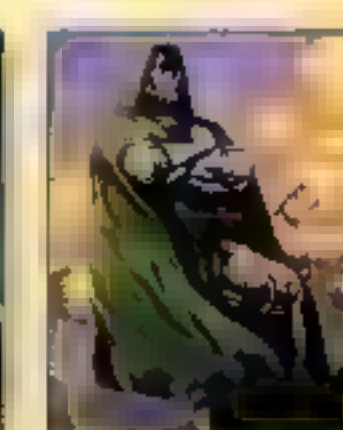


Doctor Seuss

DISLIKES



Doctor Zaius



Doctor Doom



Doctor Quinn, Medicine Woman

PLACES

Tad visited:

Home

Lakeville High School

Dentist's office



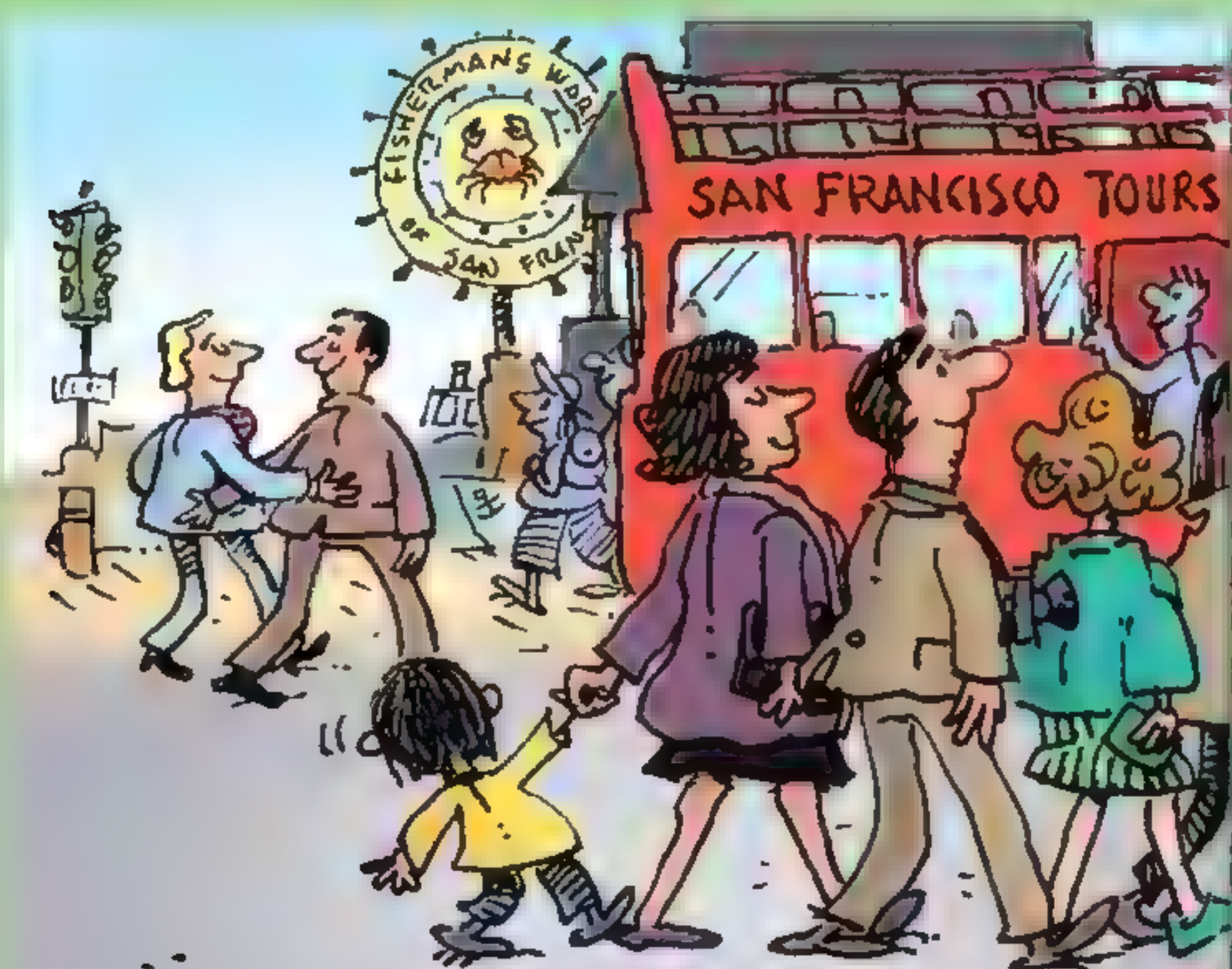
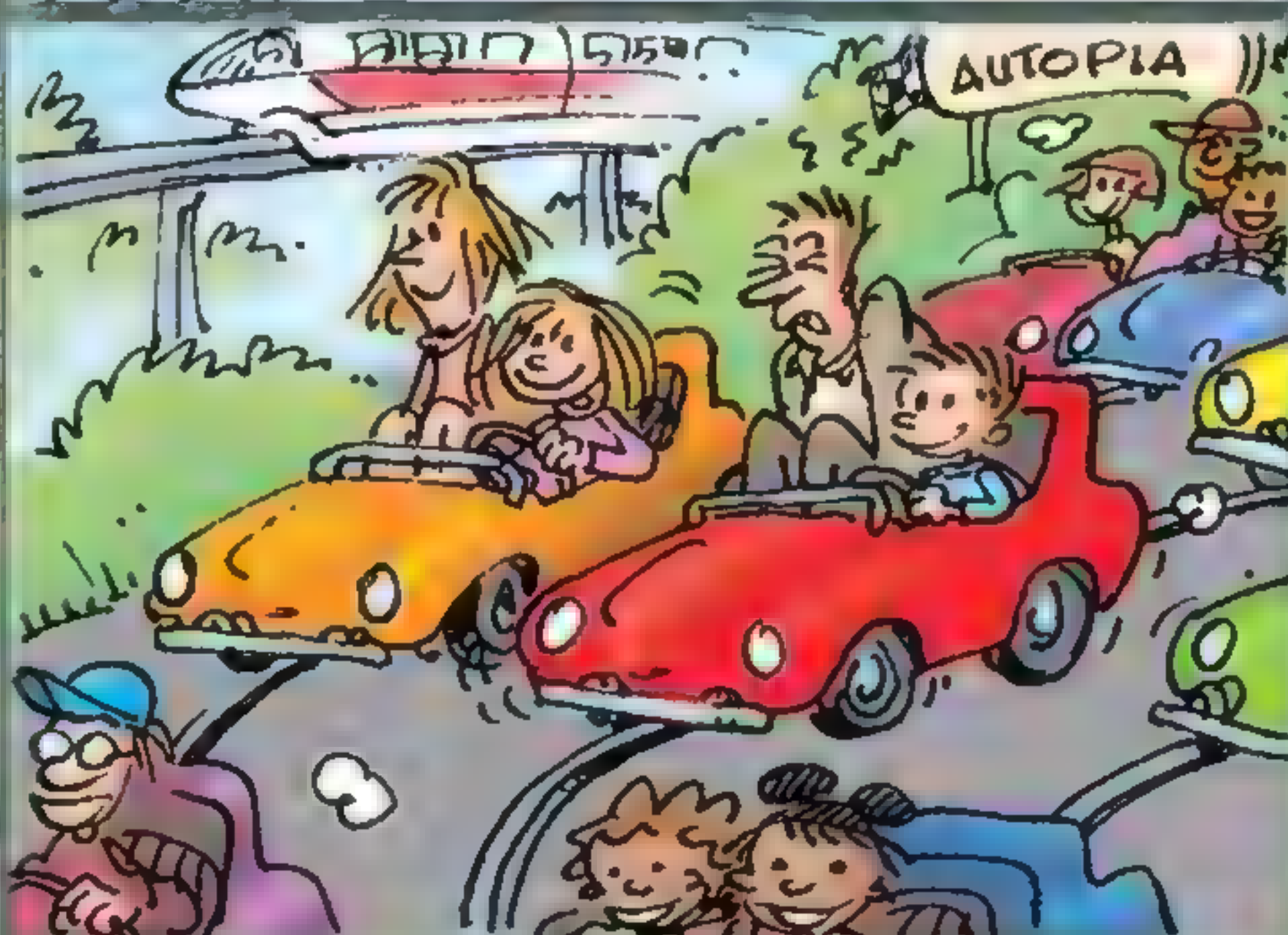
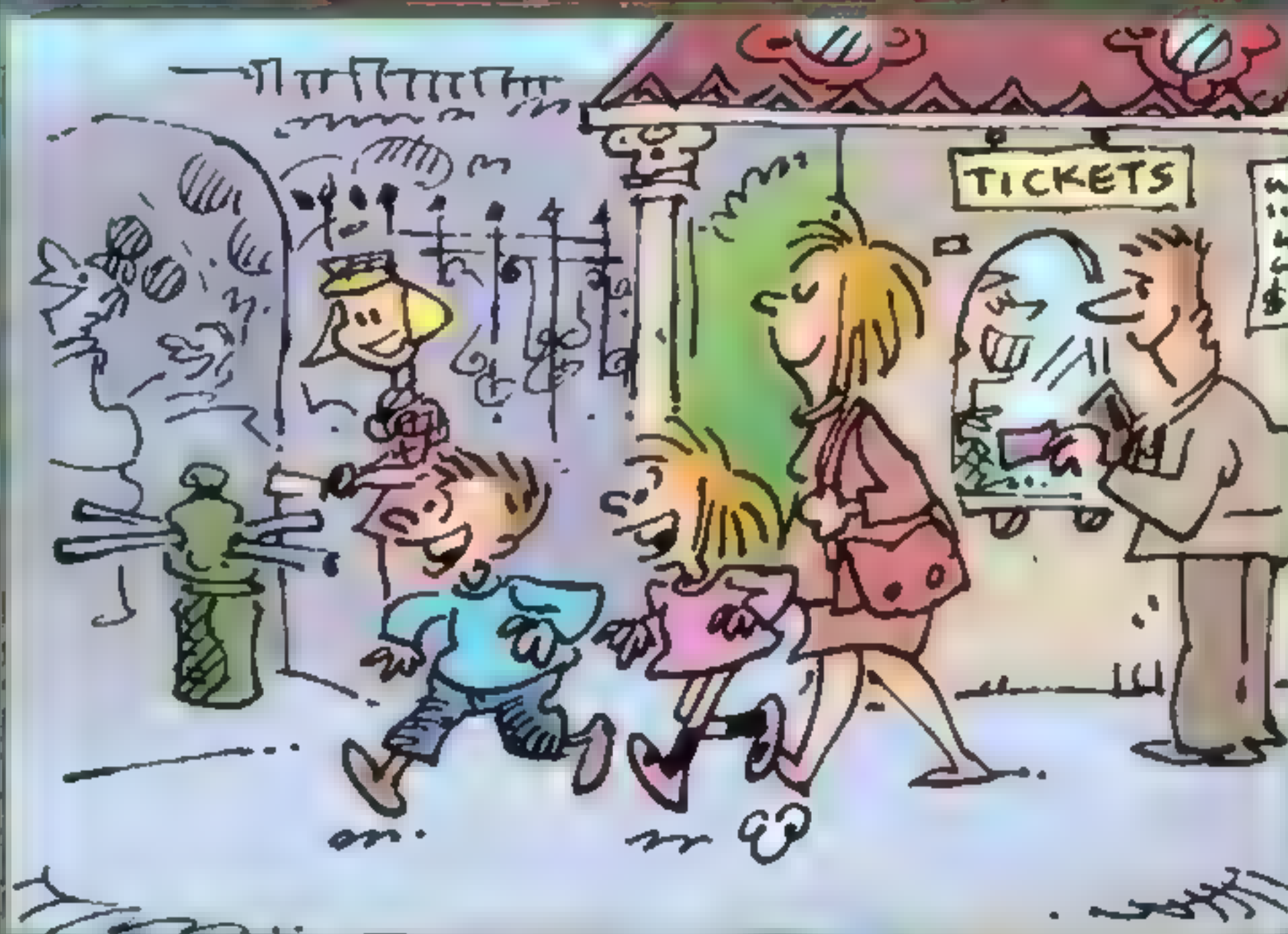
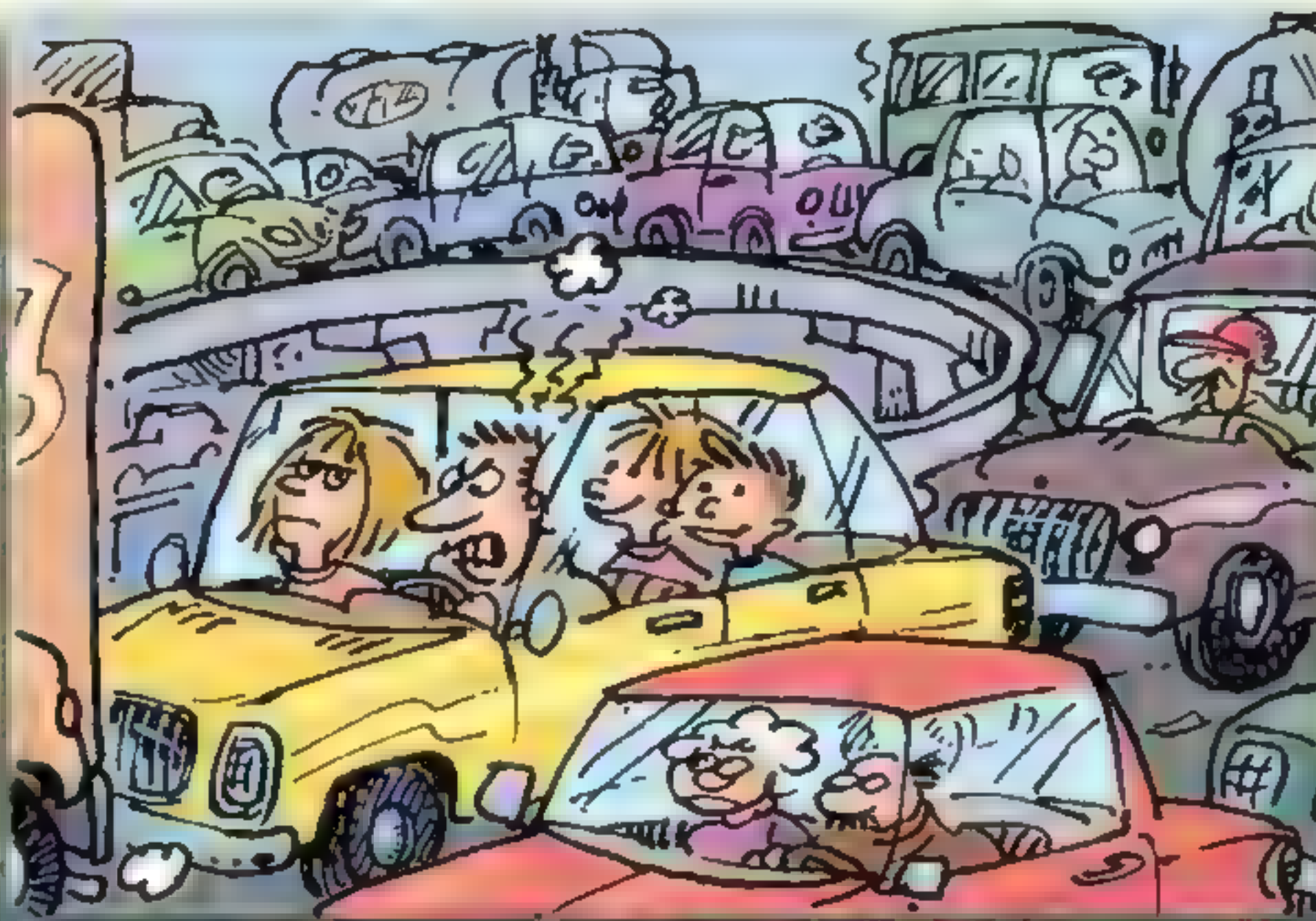
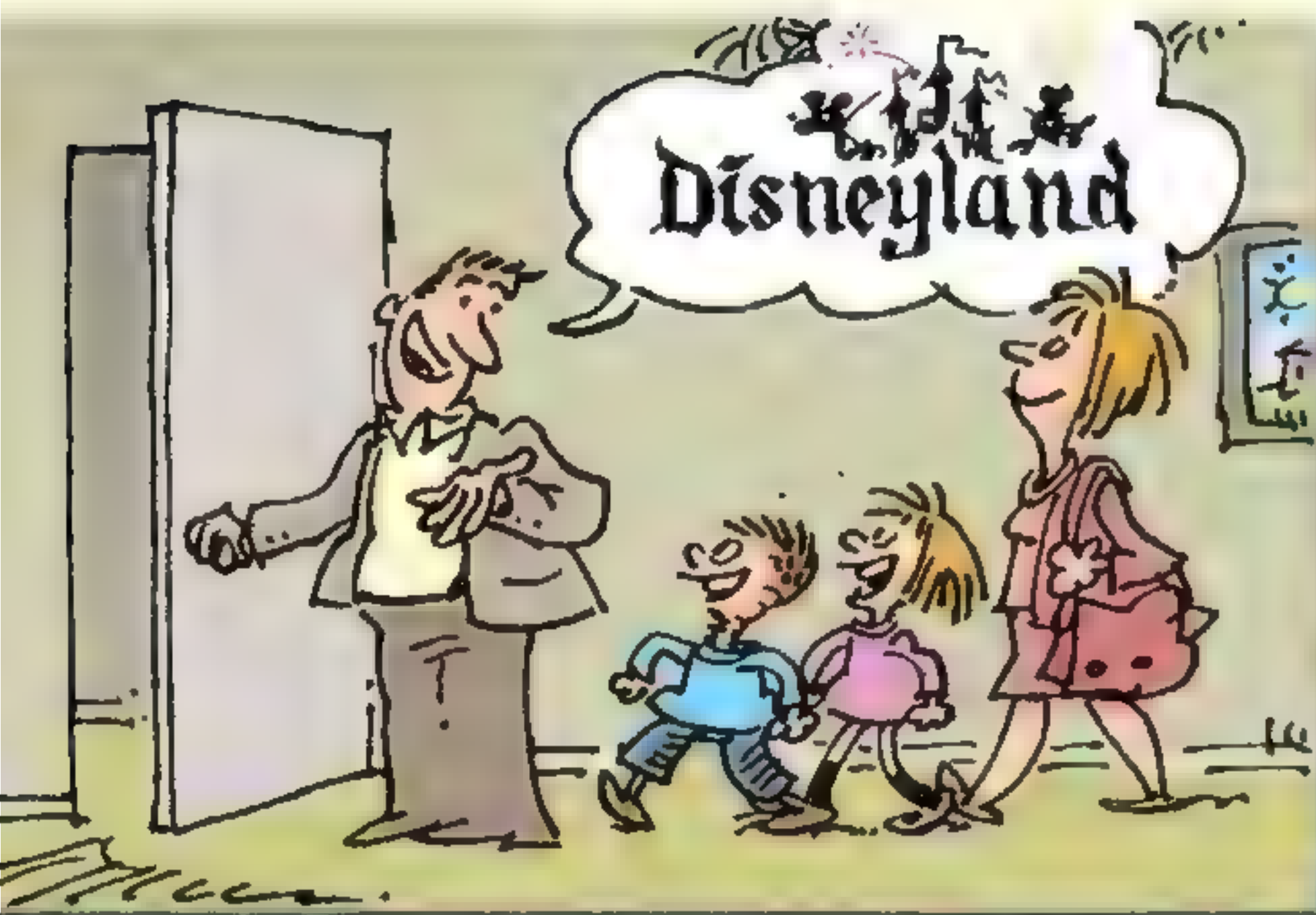
KEEP GOING, CLOD!



Sergio ARAGONES
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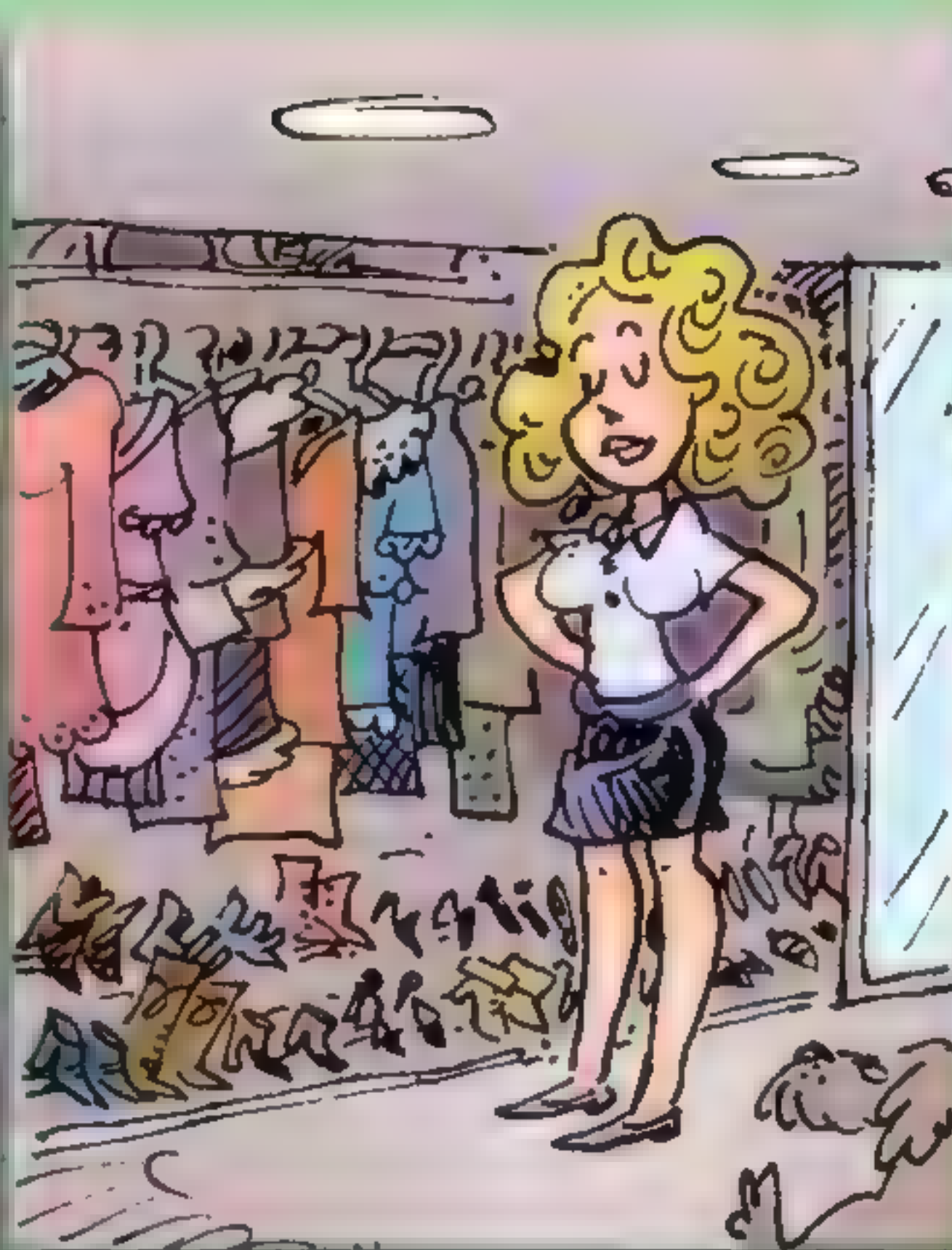
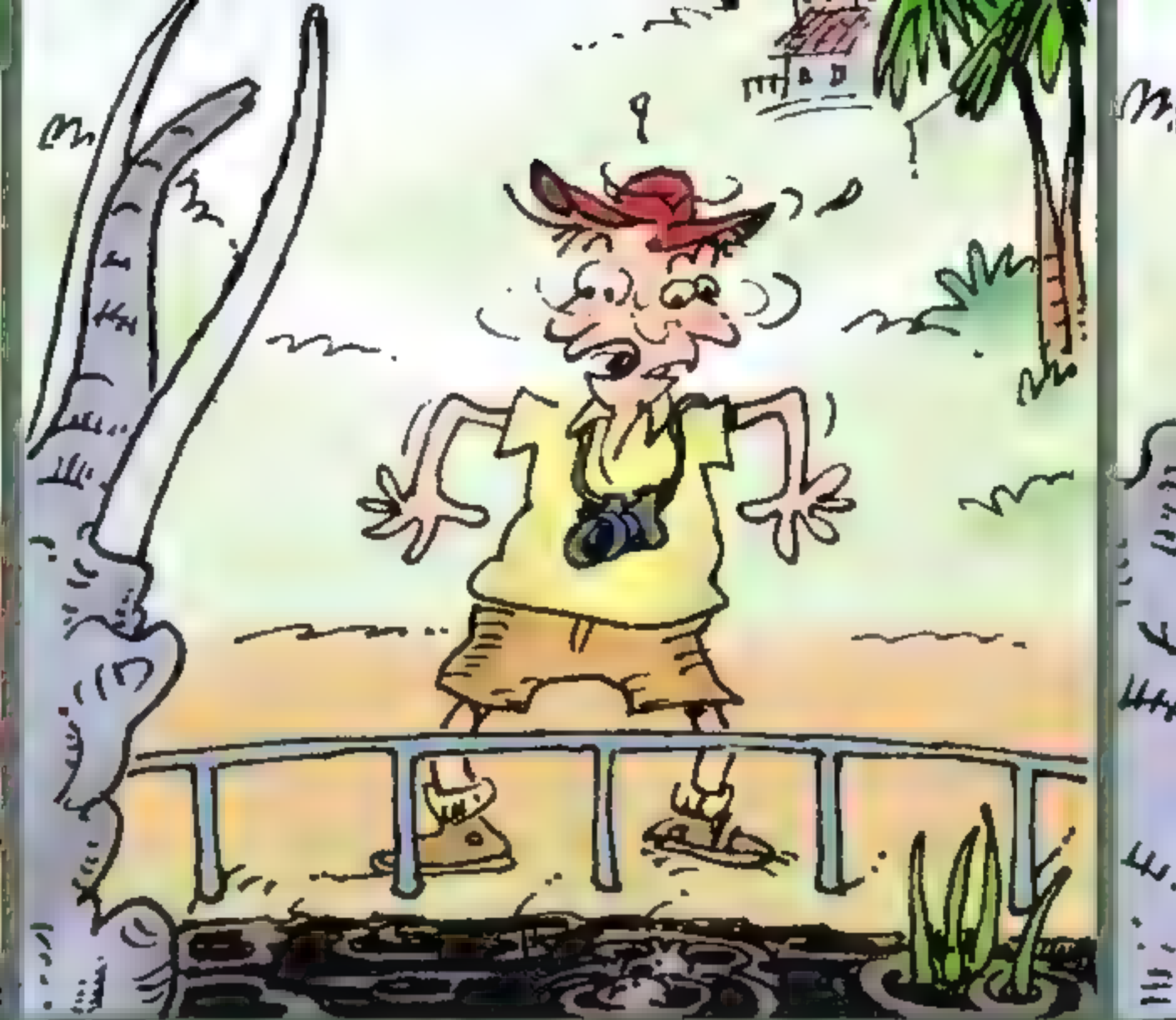
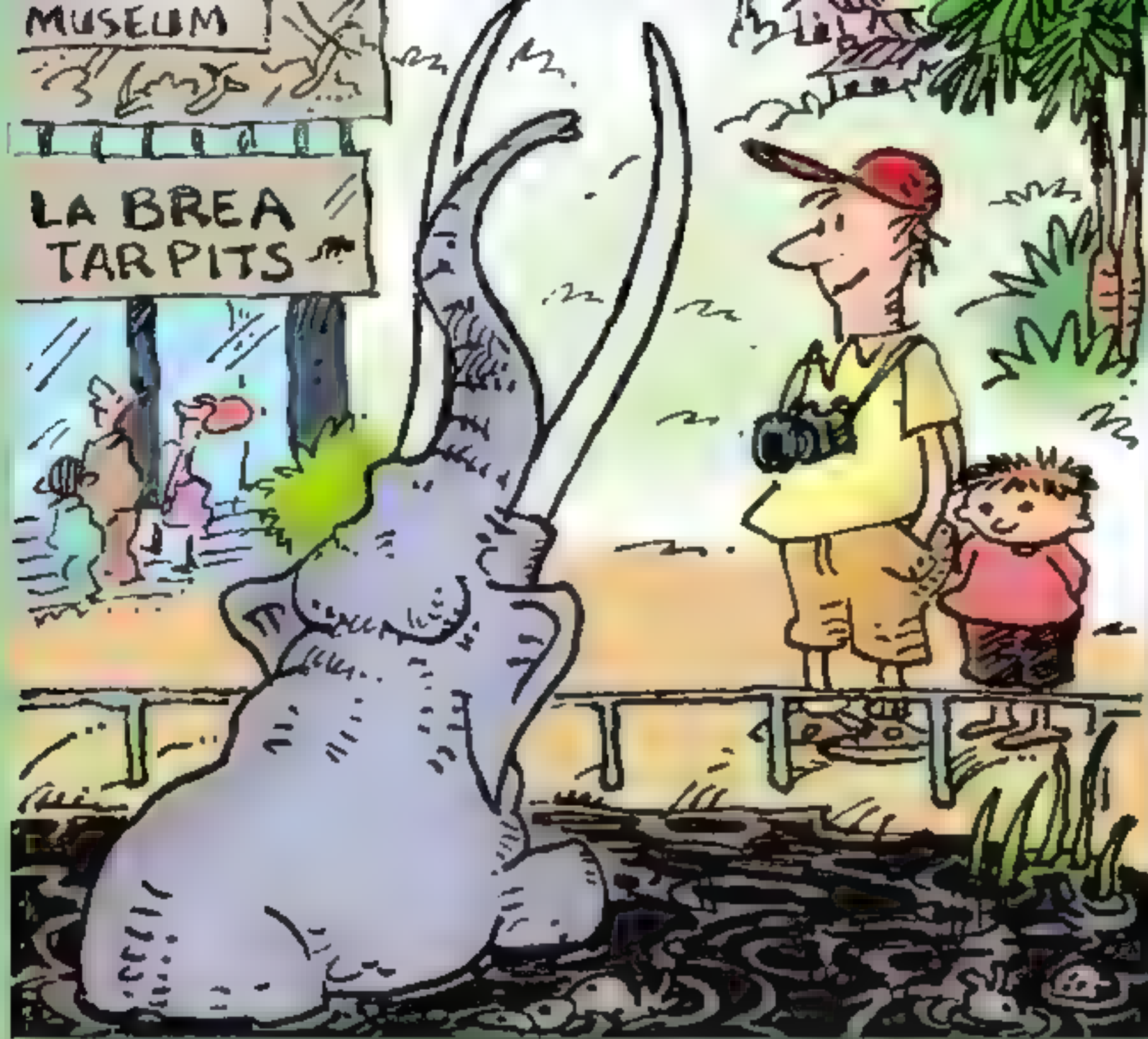


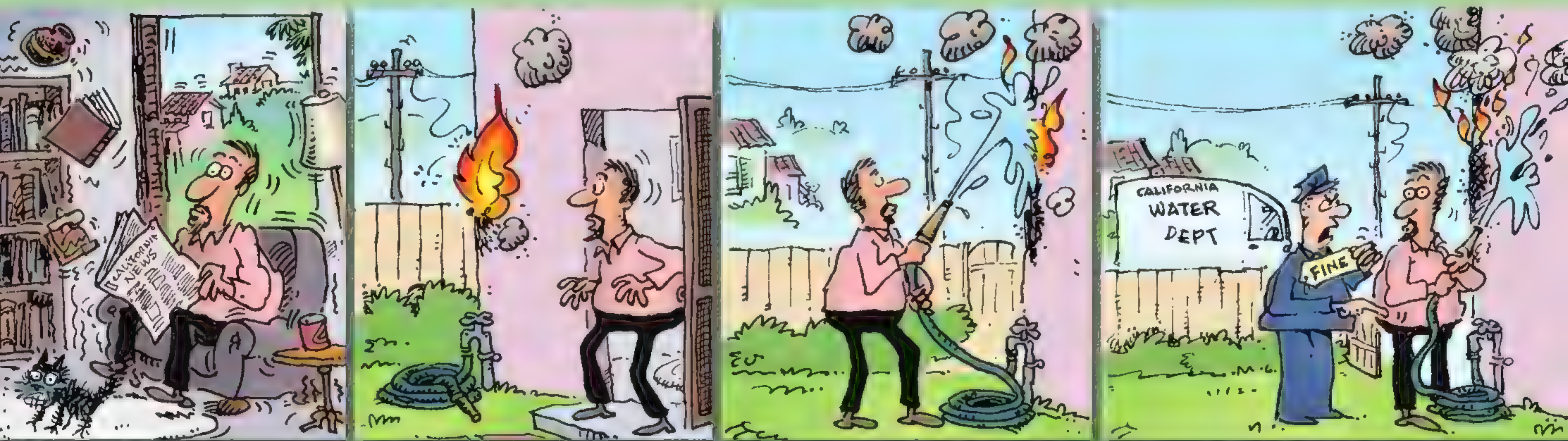
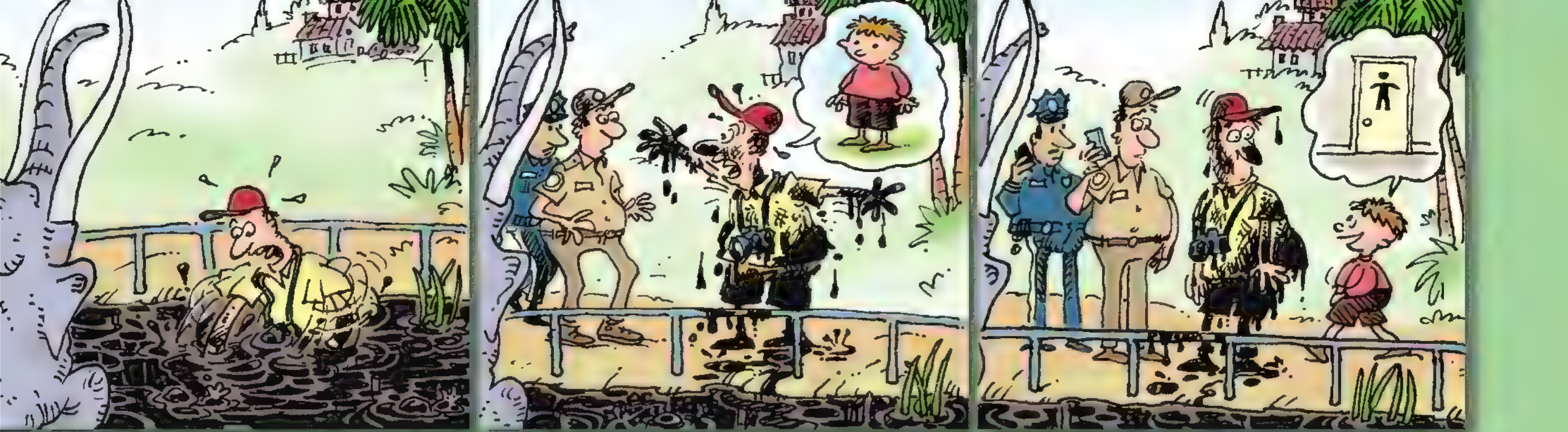


WRITER AND ARTIST: SERGIO ARAGONÉS

COLORIST: TOM LUTH









At MAD, we fully support the teaching and practicing of safe sex. However, we ALSO fully support being jackasses whenever humanly possible. So you can see how we'd be torn when we came up with these...

THINGS TO ASK



What's your take on the "pulling out" method? My dad swears it works, but my 19 older siblings disagree.

What's the best Instagram filter for taking pictures of my junk?

If I may play devil's advocate for a moment: what if all this information ruins my chances of starring on MTV's *Teen Mom*?

Could you repeat that last part a bit slower over some soft saxophone music, please?

Okay, now I'm confused — why are we talking about Volvos again?

Do those "male enhancement" pills I found in your drawer actually work?

YOUR SEX ED TEACHER

(Just to Mess with Him)

Will I get extra credit if I get to second base this weekend?

Okay, I understood the condom demonstration except for one thing: what if I don't have a banana handy?

Are you familiar with the saying, "Those who can, do. Those who can't, teach"?

Is it true that you can get pregnant from staring at a picture of Channing Tatum for too long?

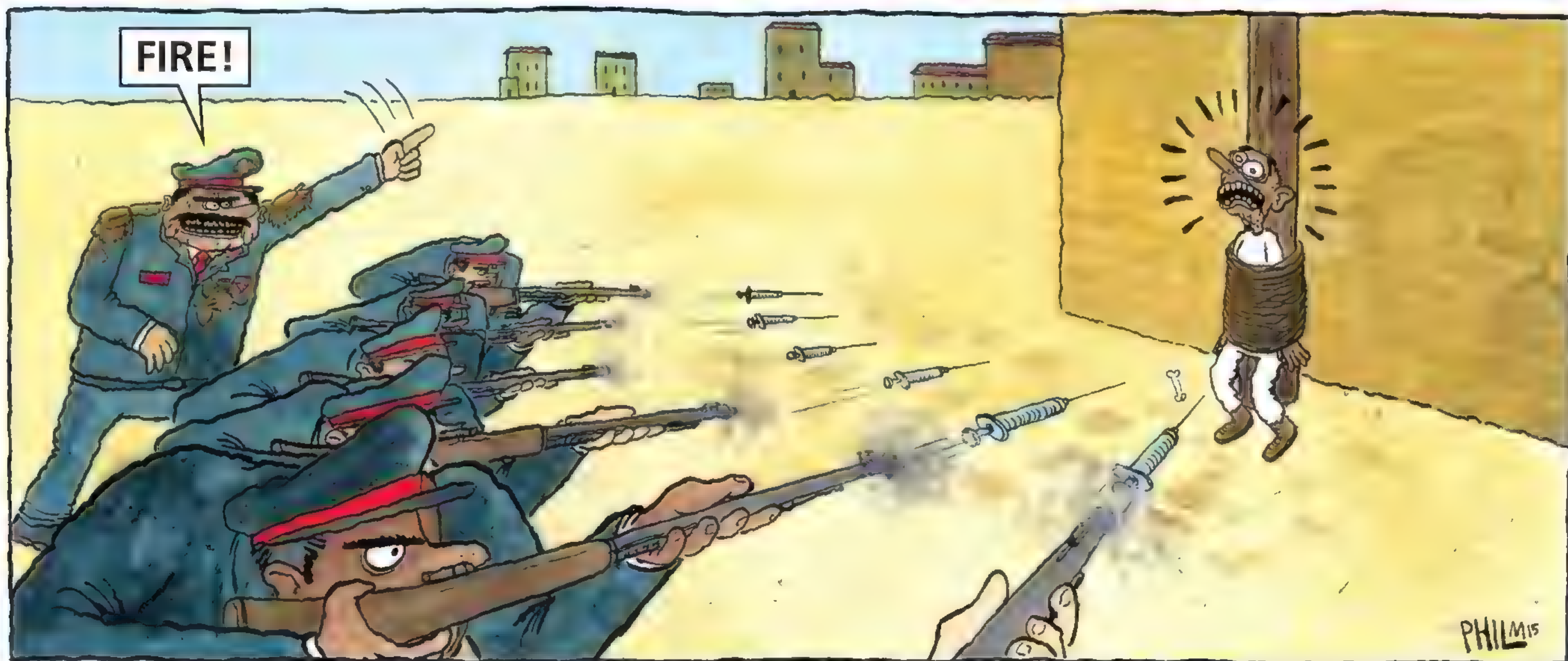
If you really want us to know about this stuff, why are the most educational websites on the topic blocked on the library computers?

Can we hurry this up? I gotta go pick up my kid at daycare.

WRITER: KENNY KEIL
ARTIST: JOSE GARIBALDI



THE CAPTIVATING TALE ^{C/O} PEDRO'S EXECUTION





It's virtually impossible for me to pick my all-time favorite MAD article — I mean, come on, over the years there have been nearly a dozen good ones! But this piece made a big impression on me as child, because never before in my life had I read a sentence as profoundly existential as: "Don't step on Mr. Vomit!" In fact, Uncle Nutzy's Clubhouse was so inspirational to me that I ~~completely plagiarized~~ paid homage to it in my movie UHF. Join us, then, as MAD shamelessly reprints for the 27th time...

THE MAD VAULT

A classic article from MAD #93 • March 1965

MOPPET UP DEPT.

Since MAD's Official Article-Introduction Writer is ill this month, we've assigned Sidney Gwirtzman, MAD's Accountant, to serve as Guest Introduction Writer for the following article. Here is Mr. Gwirtzman's Introduction: "The law provides a credit against tax dividends received from qualifying domestic corporations. This credit is equal to 4 percent of these dividends in excess of those which you may exclude from your income. The credit may not exceed: (a) the total income tax reduced by foreign tax credit; or (b) 4 percent of the ..." But enough of this hilarity. Let's save the jokes for the story as

MAD LOOKS AT A TYPICAL KIDDIE TV SHOW

ARTIST: MORT DRUCKER

WRITER: LARRY SIEGEL



Okay, gang! Let's start off the show with our daily prayer! Repeat after me... Bless Mommy and Daddy and Brother and Sister and our house and our milk and especially our delicious, lip-smacking Yummy-Cream Cookies—put out by the Monopoly Biscuit Company—a fine American Corporation, and a great sponsor...

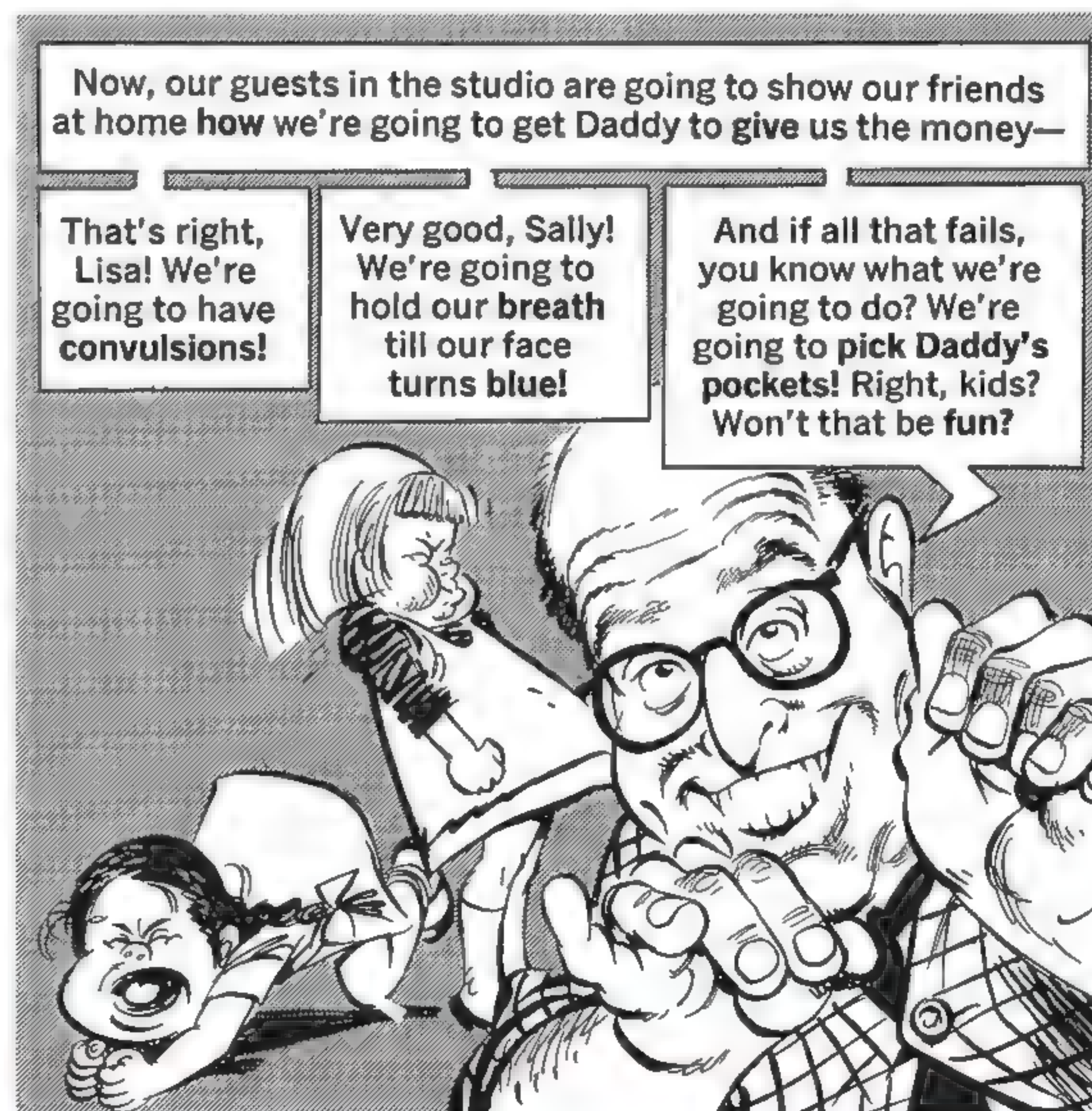
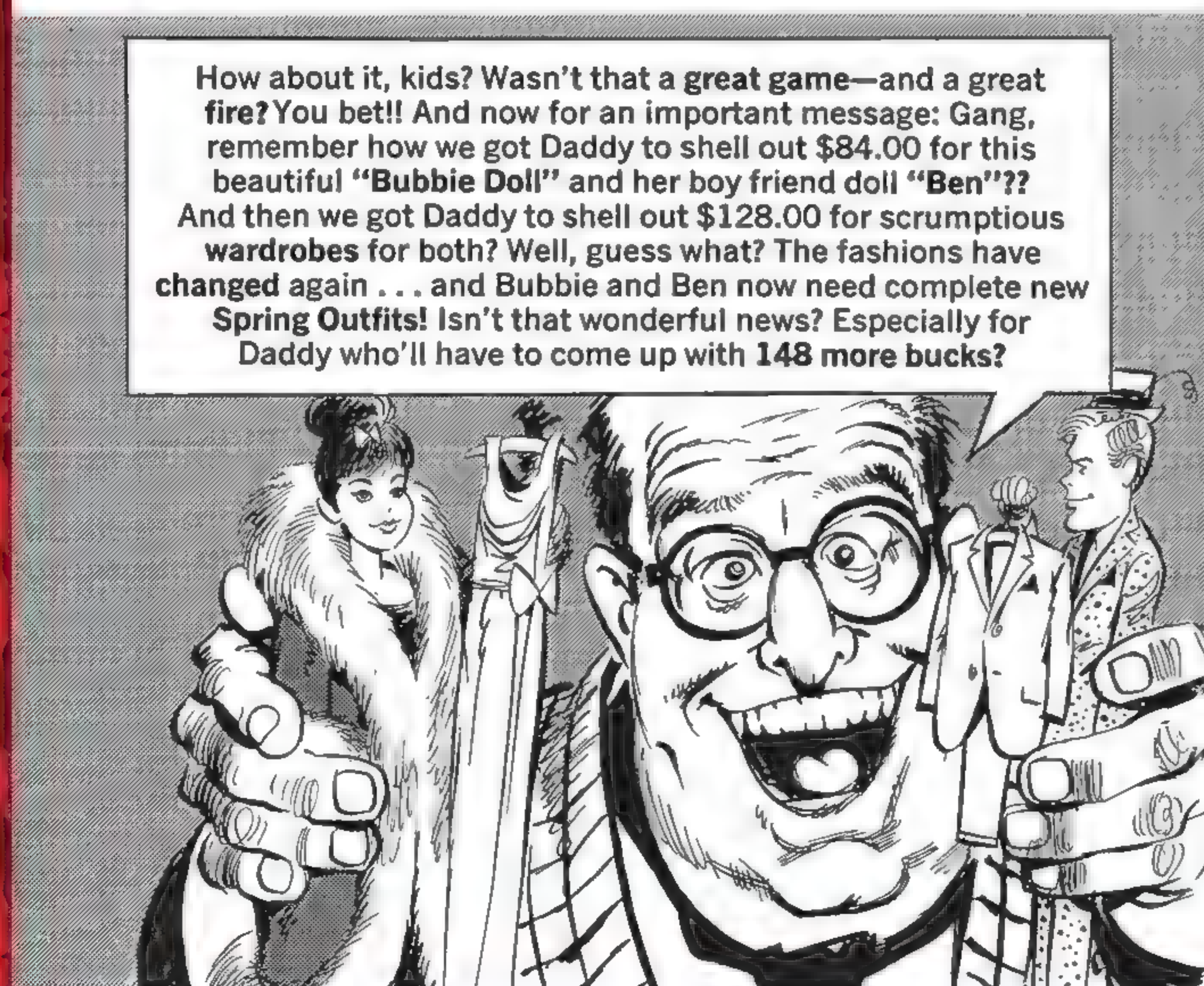
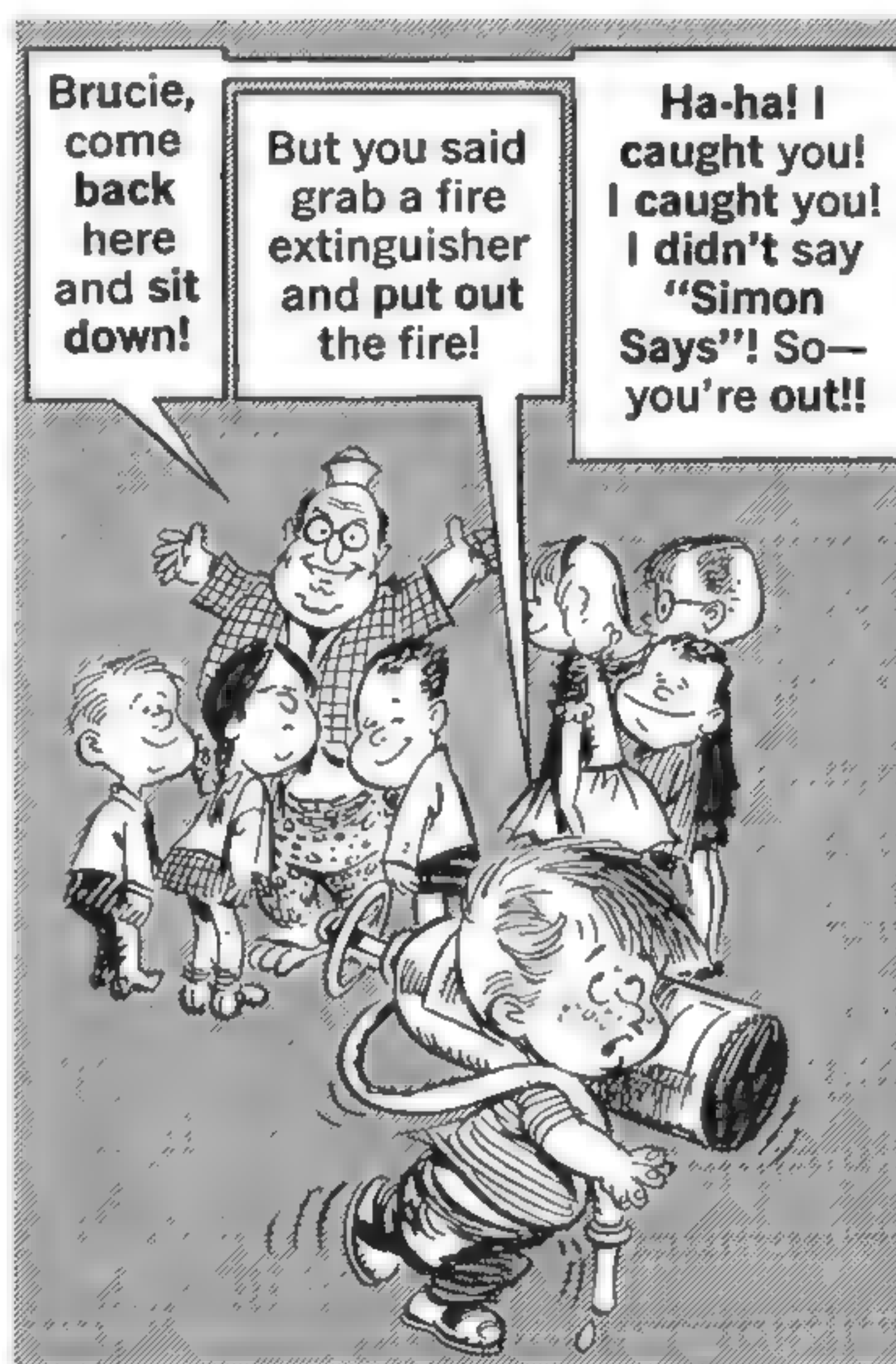
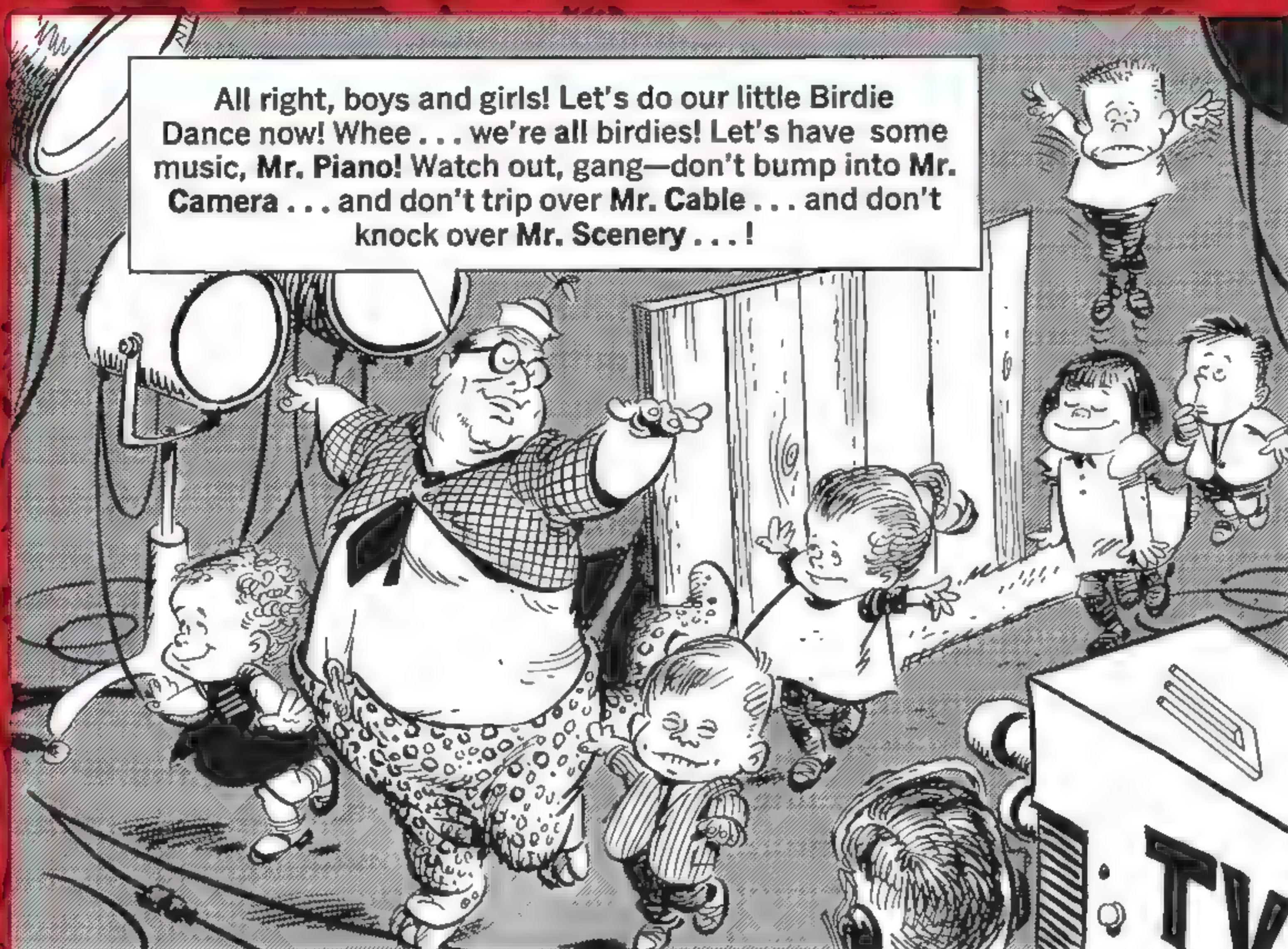


Stevie, how come you're not praying for Yummy Cream Cookies?

I don't like Yummy Cream Cookies!

Lousy atheist!!

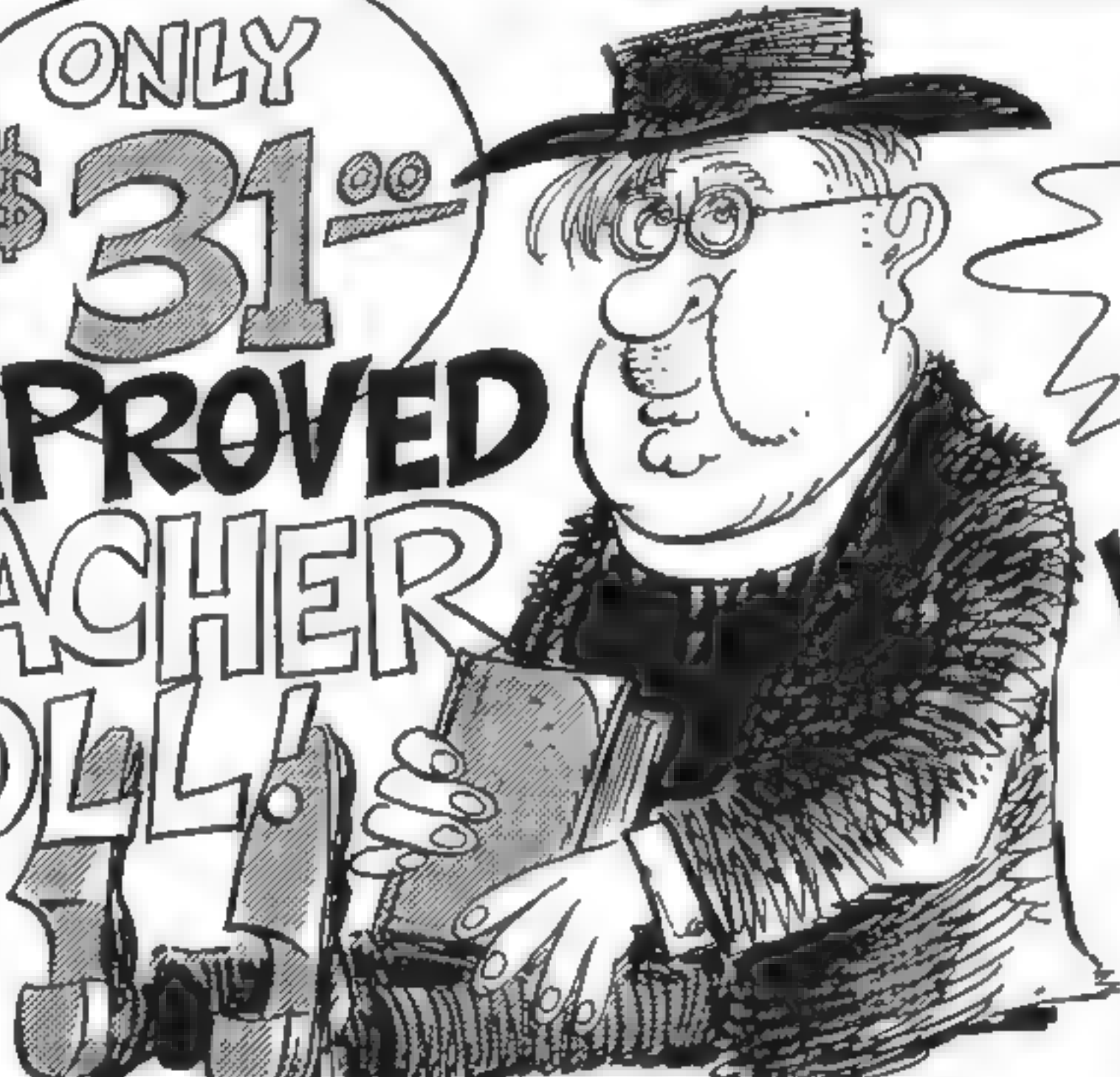




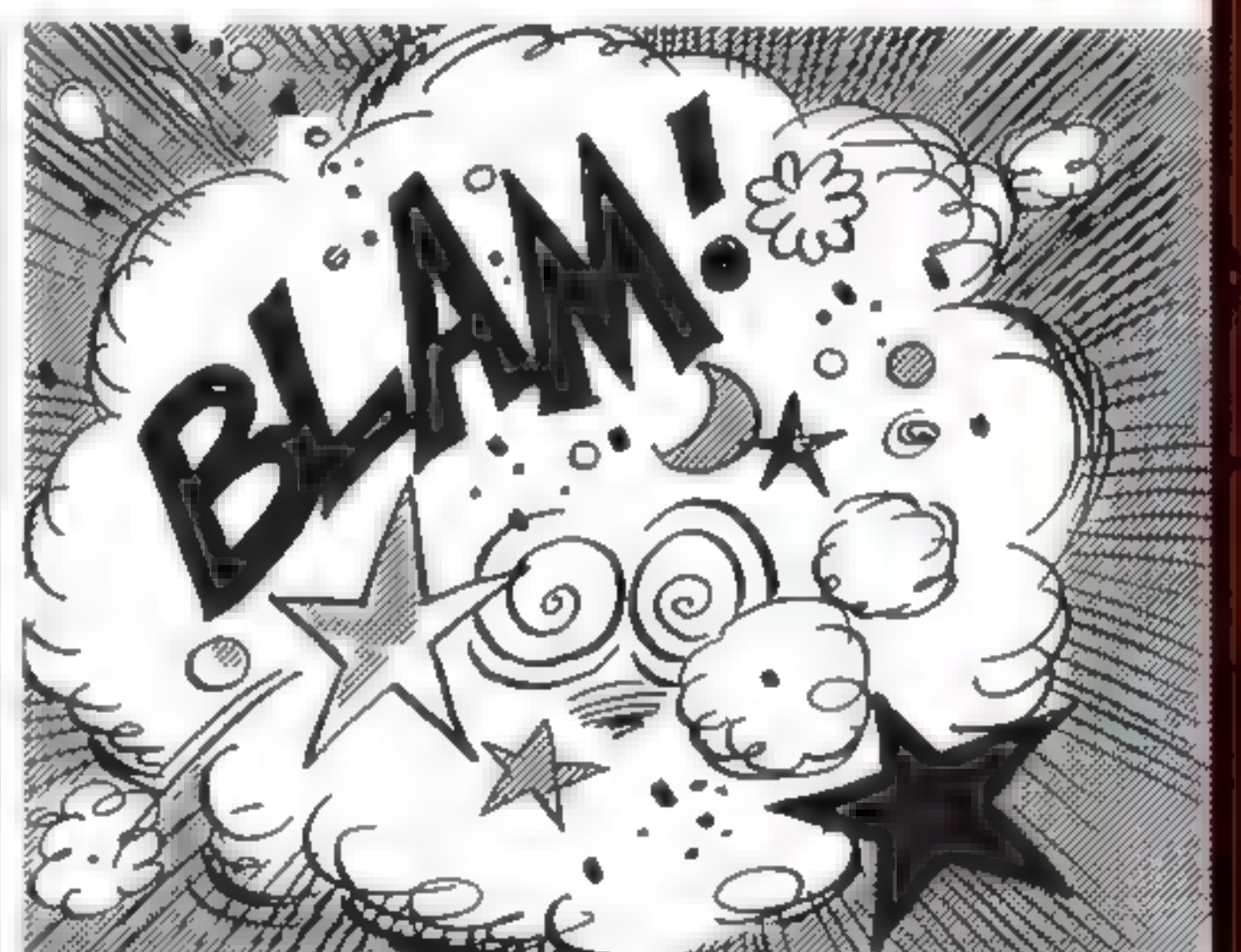
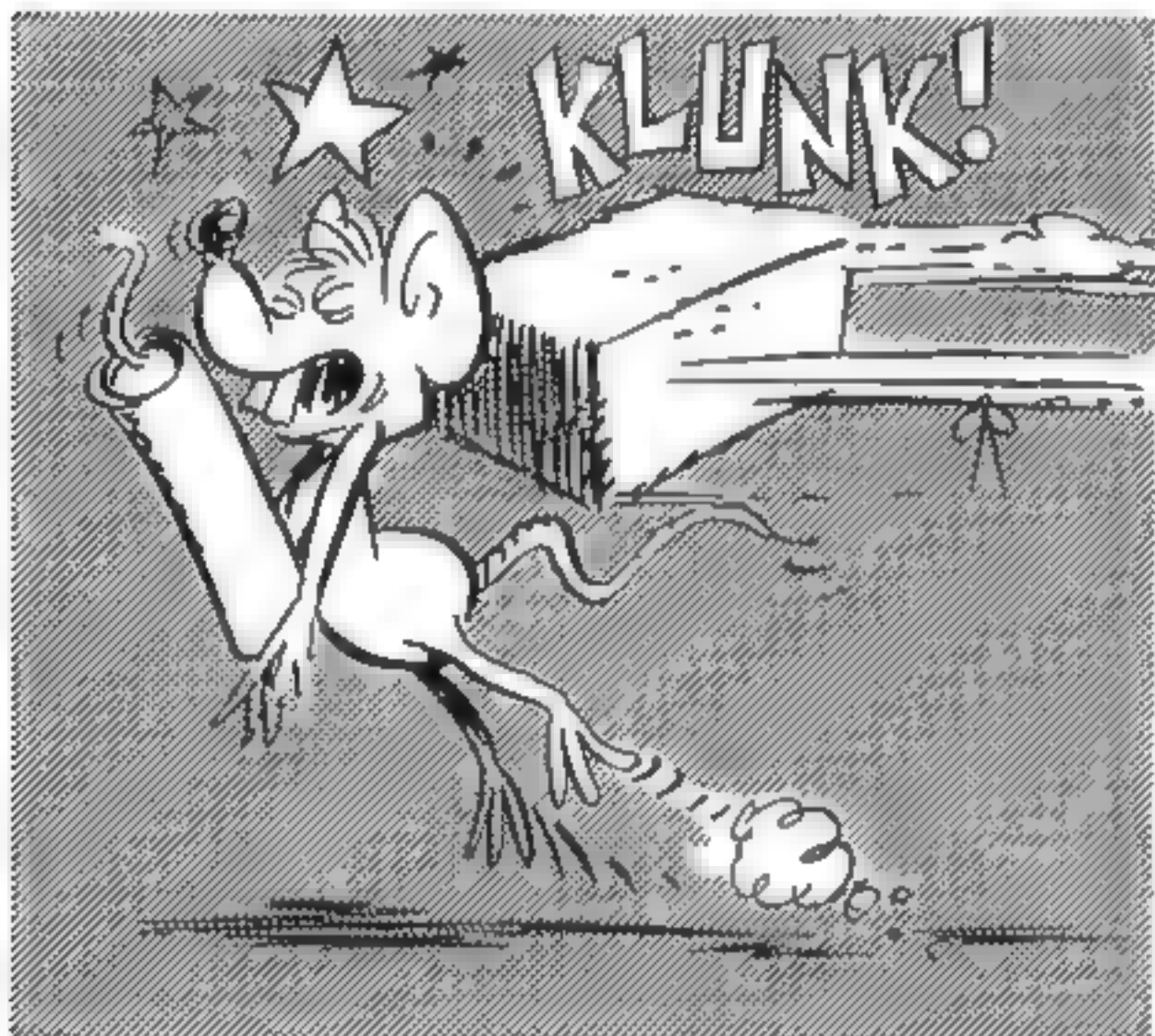
Oh, say, kids! There have been some complaints from various "square" parent groups about us selling you "Teeny"—the little baby doll that belongs to Bubbie and her boy-friend doll, Ben. You know . . . they think it's a rather unhealthy arrangement! So guess what the Bubbie Doll Company is going to do in order to make everything wonderful and decent again? For just \$31.00, you can get Daddy to buy you a "Preacher Doll" and you can stage your very own wedding for Bubbie and Ben! Better late than never, we always say! Ha-ha!

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BE THE FIRST ON YOUR BLOCK!



And now, guess what, boys and girls? Time for a cartoon! I'm sure you're going to like this one! You know how I know? Because you liked it yesterday, and you liked it the day before yesterday, and you liked it last week, and last month, and 212 times last year! Okay—here we go!



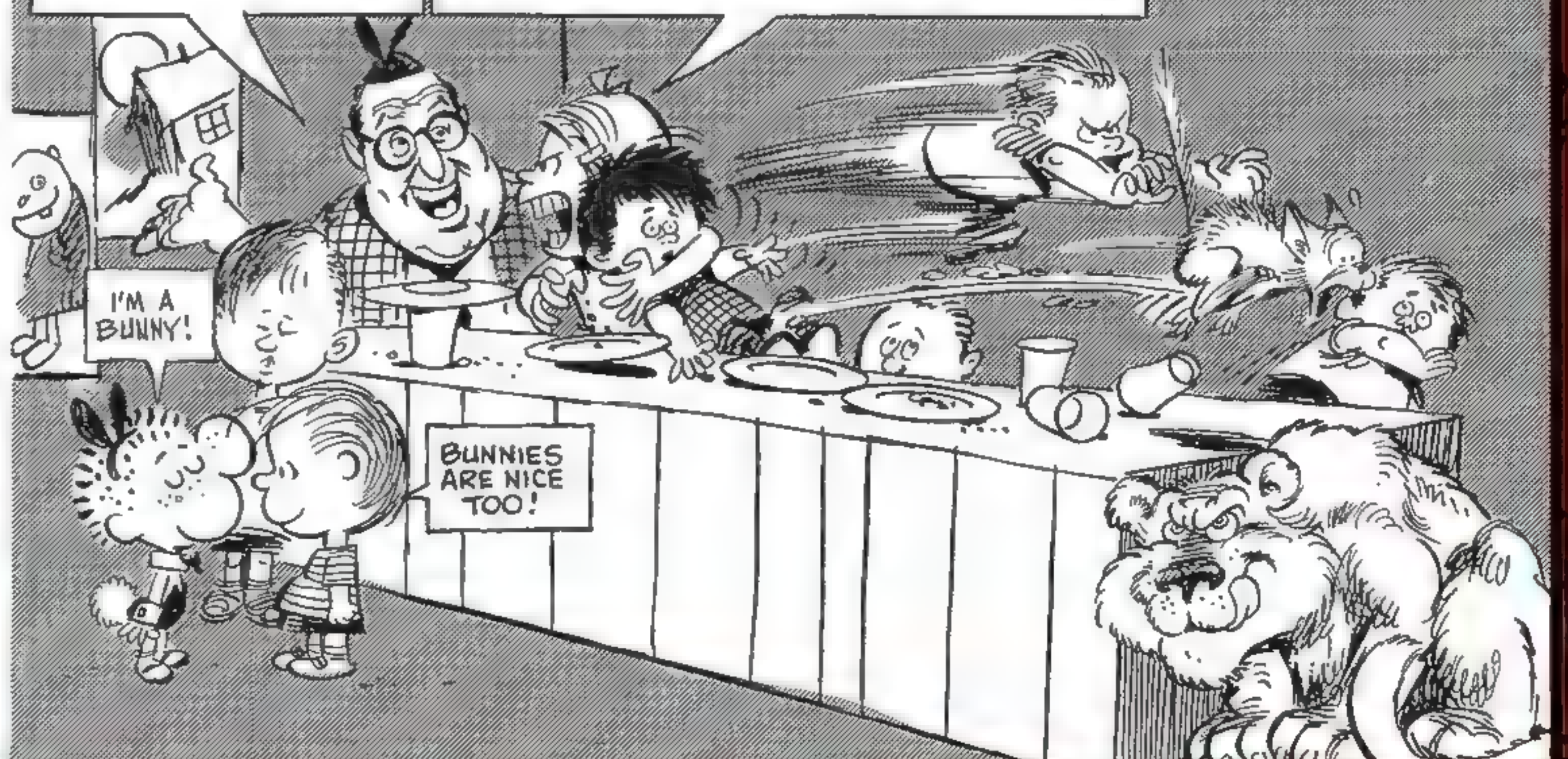
Hey, wasn't that a great cartoon, boys and girls? It's the newest one we've ever shown! It was made in 1928—but very, very late in the year! Didn't you learn a lot about life from this adorable cartoon??

I sure did, Uncle Nutzy! I want to play just like that with my little baby brother!

Very good, Herbie, and what else did you learn from this adorable cartoon—and from all the other adorable cartoons we show . . . Nancy?

I learned that cats are ugly and bad, and mice are cute and good, and mice always win in the end, and I'm going to bring lots of mice into my house, and I'm going to feed them and take them to bed with me, and I'm going to kill Mommy's Siamese cats, and—

Wonderful, Nancy! And now, another important message from one of our sponsors . . .



IT'S HERE, Boys and girls!! The great new fun-toy you've been waiting for! "DEATH-26"!! Yes, kids, "Death-26" is 26 real fun-weapons combined into one magnificent toy! It's a combination rifle, machine gun, rocket-launcher, grenade-thrower, bazooka, mortar, H-bomb detonator, and so much more!



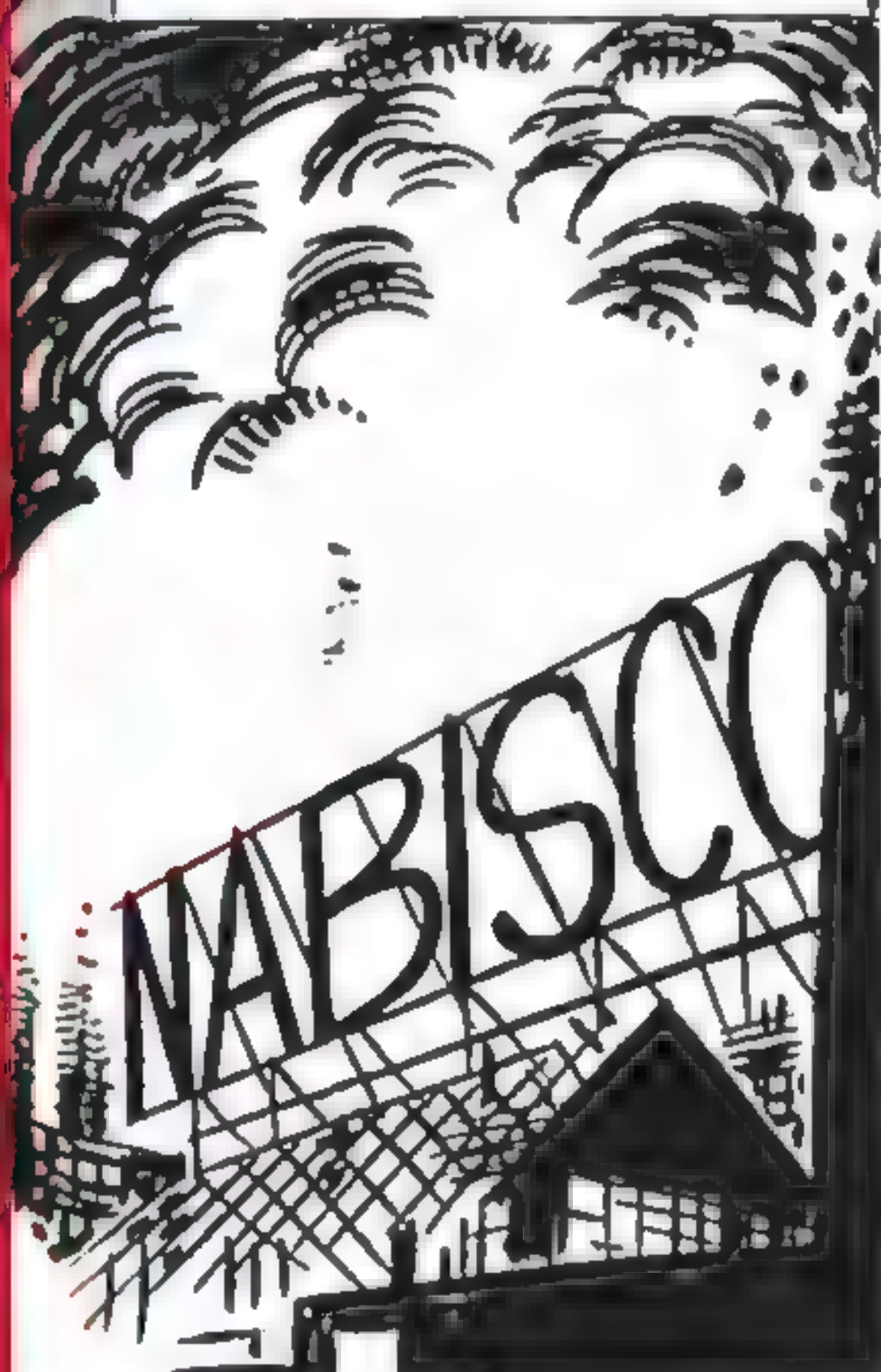
Can't you just picture yourself destroying the entire Russian Army with your "Death-26"?



... and laying to waste ¾ of the world ... ?



... and eliminating all the competitors of Yummy Cream Cookies ... ?



... and all the other Kiddie Show Emcees except your Uncle Nutzy? You bet you can!!



"Death-26" is a product of Educational Toys Corporation and costs just \$212.00 wherever all fine toys are sold! And, kids, remember our sensational "Free Trial Offer"! We'll send you a "Death-26" at no charge for one whole week! Think of what you can do with it: Frighten your friends, scare shell-shocked war veterans ... and even make Daddy come across with \$212.00 so you can keep your "Death-26" toy after the free trial week is over ... OR ELSE!!



Well, that's it for today, boys and girls! Remember ... buy "Death-26" for \$212 ... and buy the whole Bubbie Doll Family for \$391 ... and buy the Uncle Nutzy Fun Hat for \$18 ... and buy the Uncle Nutzy Fun Suit for \$43 ... and buy the Uncle Nutzy Fun Mask for \$14 ... and make Mommy take you downtown to the Tip-Top Theater on Main Street tomorrow afternoon where Uncle Nutzy will be making a Personal Appearance at \$2.50 a head! Goodbye, out there!!



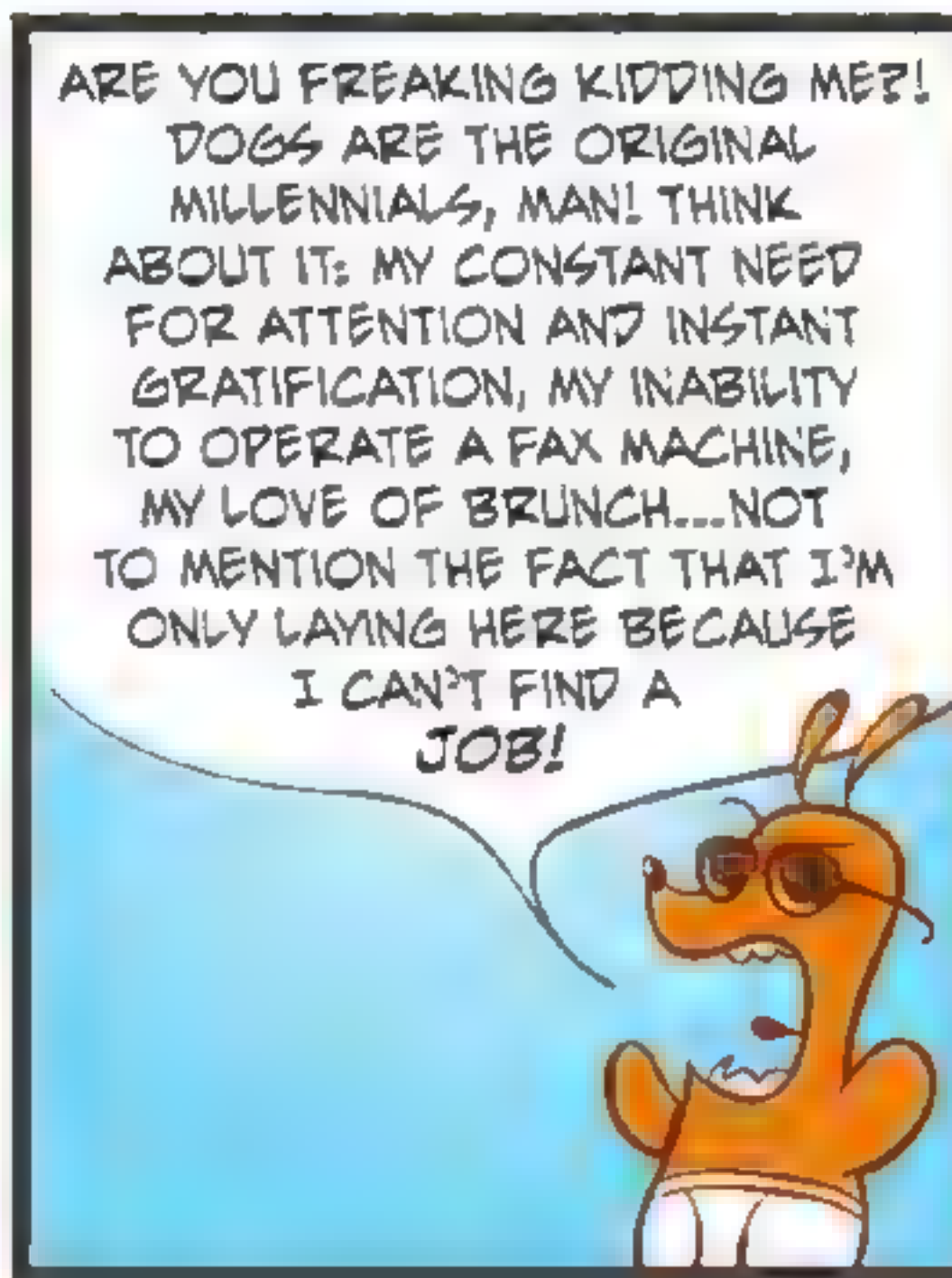
Great show, Uncle Nutzy! Er—your wife is on the phone!

Hello, dear ... How are the kids? They what! Look, how many times have I told you not to let them watch my show! What do you want to do—ruin them? Now tomorrow at this time, have them watch "The Untouchables" instead! Yeah—that's a lot safer and healthier for them! Bye!



THE STRIP CLUB

WHAT IF DOG WAS ONE OF US?



KENNY KEIL

NITEMARE ZONE

KC GREEN



KC GREEN

it only hurts
when i laugh



HEY, YOU
LOOK UPSET.
WHAT'S UP?

I'VE FOUND
MY ONE
TRUE LOVE.



AGAIN?
HAVE YOU
TOLD HER?

NO. DO
YOU THINK I
SHOULD?



IF YOU **FEEL** IT,
IT'S **ALWAYS** RIGHT
TO SAY IT.



BUT WHAT ABOUT
HER HUSBAND, SIX KIDS,
CATHOLIC LIVE-IN MOTHER,
AND THE FACT THAT DUE
TO HER PRISON-RELEASE
ANKLE-BRACELET SHE'S
NOT ALLOWED TO GO
OUT ON DATES?



YOU KNOW, I REALLY THINK
YOUR ATTRACTION TO THESE
TYPES IS PROBLEMATIC.

OH YEAH, MISTER
SMARTYANTS?
AND WHAT TYPE OF
WOMAN **SHOULD** I BE
ATTRACTED TO?



HOW
ABOUT
MOLLY?

UGH.
MY WIFE?
NO WAY.

CHRISTOPHER BALDWIN

WTF, JEFF? or My Roommate Might Be a Serial Killer



JEFF YOU LEFT YOUR
DIRTY SHOVEL IN
THE HALLWAY AGAIN!



WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN
USING THIS FOR,
ANYHOW?



UM...DIGGING FOR **TREASURE!**
IT'S...UH...MY NEW HOBBY!



REALLY? FIND ANYTHING?
YEP...SOME NICE STUFF,
ACTUALLY.



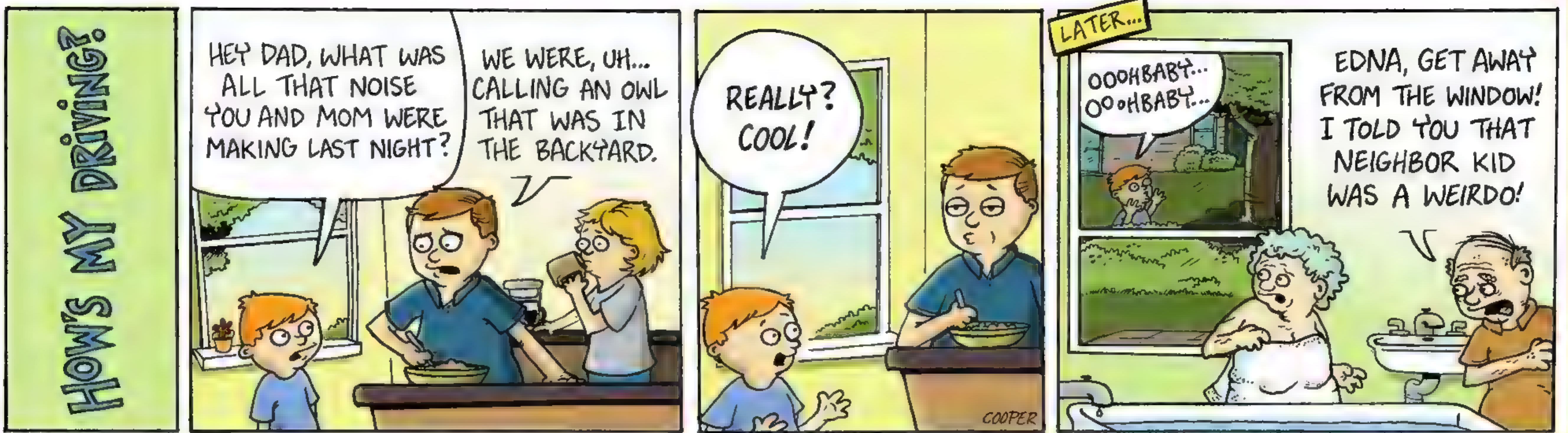
HEY, THAT'S THE SAME
WATCH OUR POSTMAN HAS!
I BET HE LOST IT!



THAT MUST BE
WHY HE'S SO **LATE**
DELIVERING OUR
MAIL TODAY...

UH...YEAH!
MUST BE...

KIT LIVELY & SCOTT NICKEL

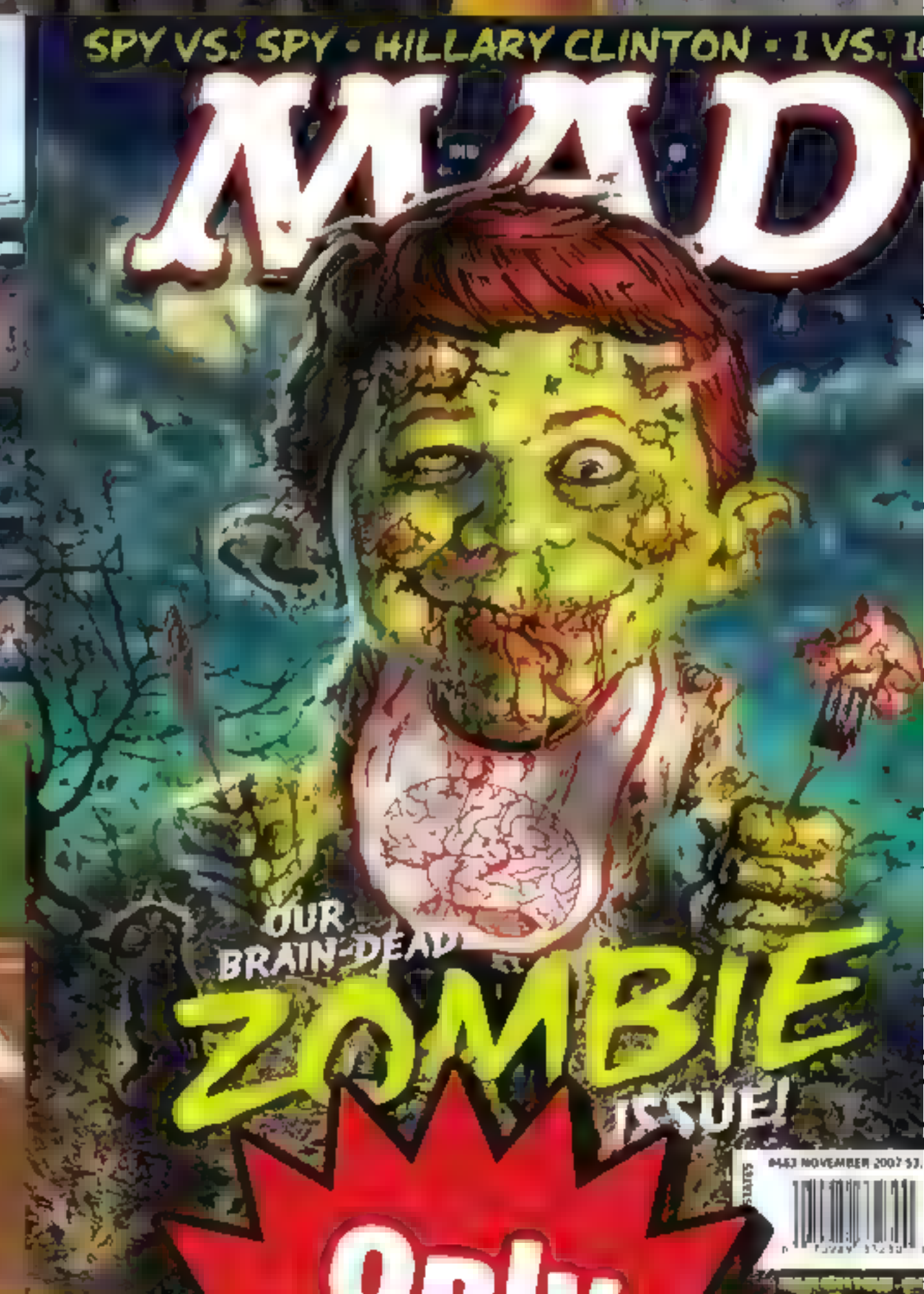
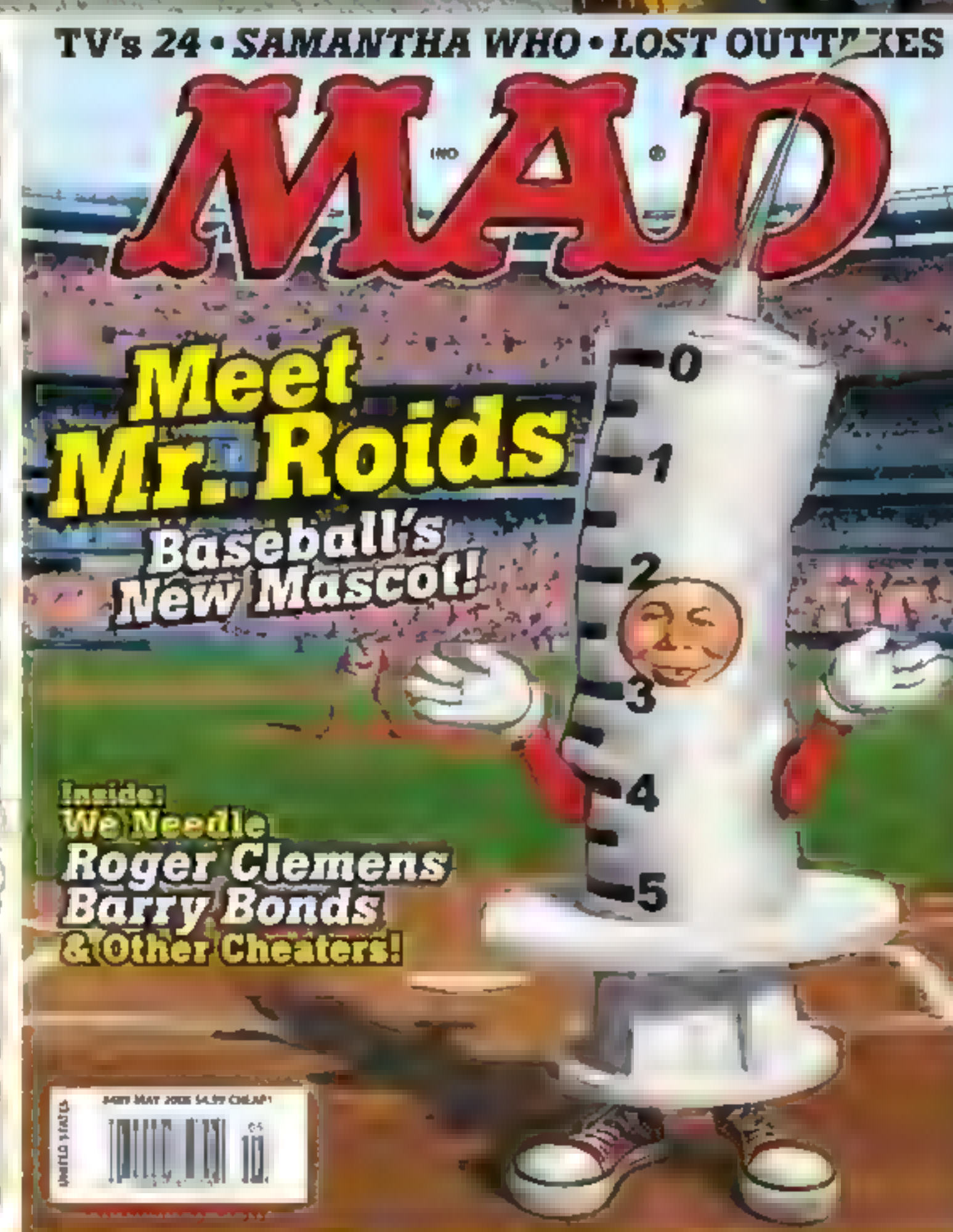
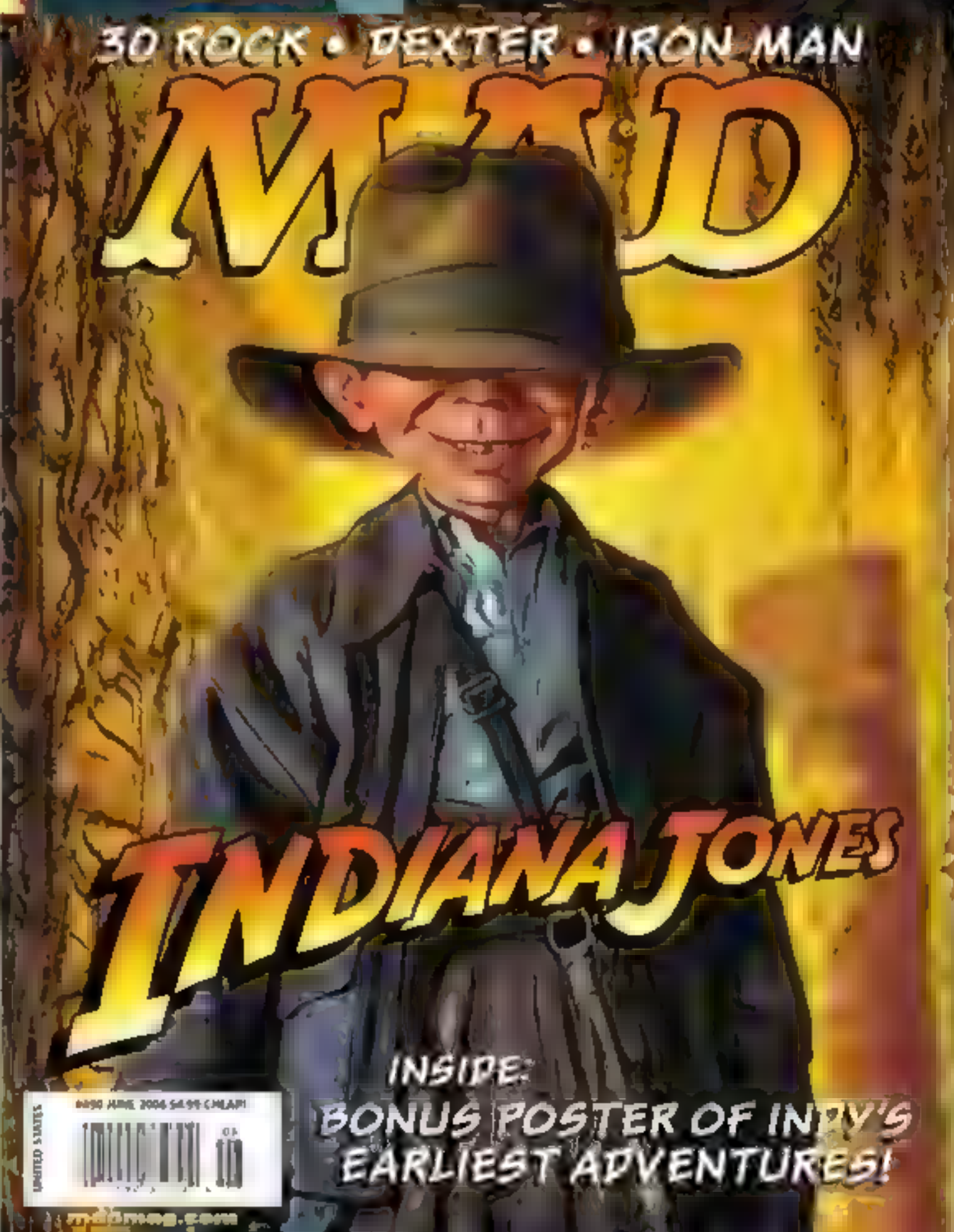
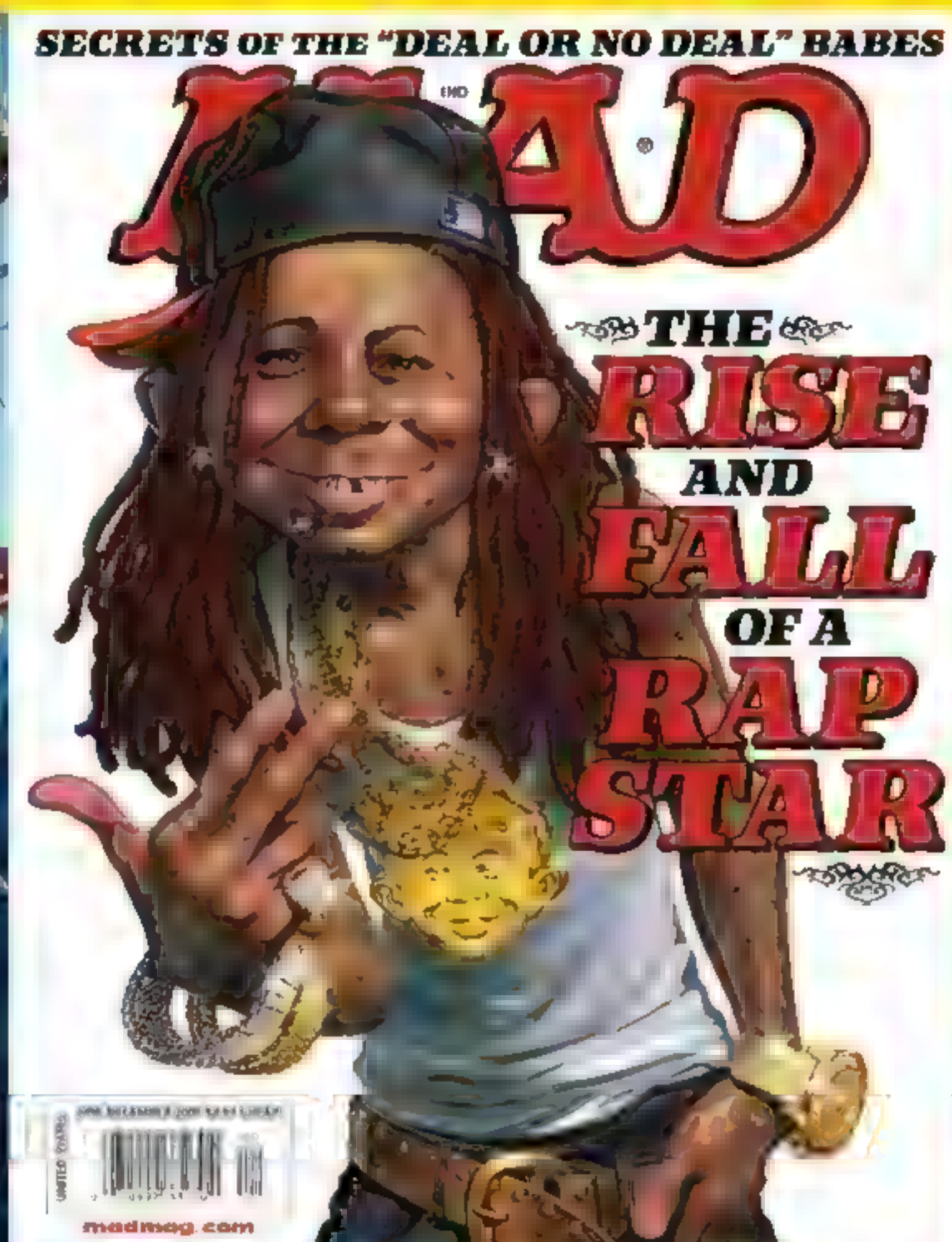


NATHAN COOPER



BOX BROWN

CATCH UP ON THE STUPIDITY YOU WERE LUCKY ENOUGH TO MISS!



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A movie came out recently based on the autobiography of Chris Kyle, a U.S. sniper who served multiple deployments in Iraq and left the Navy holding the record for most confirmed kills. Moviegoers on the right felt it told the true story of an American hero and was an accurate portrayal of our veterans' struggles with the return to civilian life. Moviegoers on the left said it ignored the realities of the Iraq war and celebrated violence! But if there's one thing we can all agree on... it's that we **CAN'T AGREE ON ANYTHING!** We're at a point where if a liberal says $2+2=4$, a conservative will insist he's wrong! And if a conservative says the sky is blue, a liberal would argue no, it's brown. (Actually, thanks to pollution, the sky kinda IS brown, but you get the point...) So the debate is on: important movie or glossy jingoism? Don't ask us — we're too distracted by all the...

AMERICAN SNIPING

Hi! Remember me? I'm the empty chair Clint Eastwood brought on stage at the 2012 Republican National Convention! I thought that night would be the start of a huge acting career! Turns out that any time a movie needs a stiff, expressionless object, they just cast Mark Wahlberg!

Eastwood, on the other hand, gets role after role — and not just in front of the camera! Clint's also made a name for himself as a director! Which is amazing — I don't know how he even sees through the camera lens with that perma-squint!

Still, if you follow the news (and if you're a MAD reader you probably don't), you know that Eastwood's latest movie has stirred up a lot of passions on both sides of the political aisle.

Given the serious subject matter, the guys at MAD weren't sure there was even a way to spoof this movie! After all, it's about real people! This isn't some crappy Michael Bay junk where the sniper is actually a robot trying to kill Shia LaBeouf! Although come to think of it... THAT would be awesome!

So they realized they needed to do something different and went looking for two high profile commentators — one conservative and one liberal — who were willing to engage in a real, constructive dialogue and intelligently comment on the film...



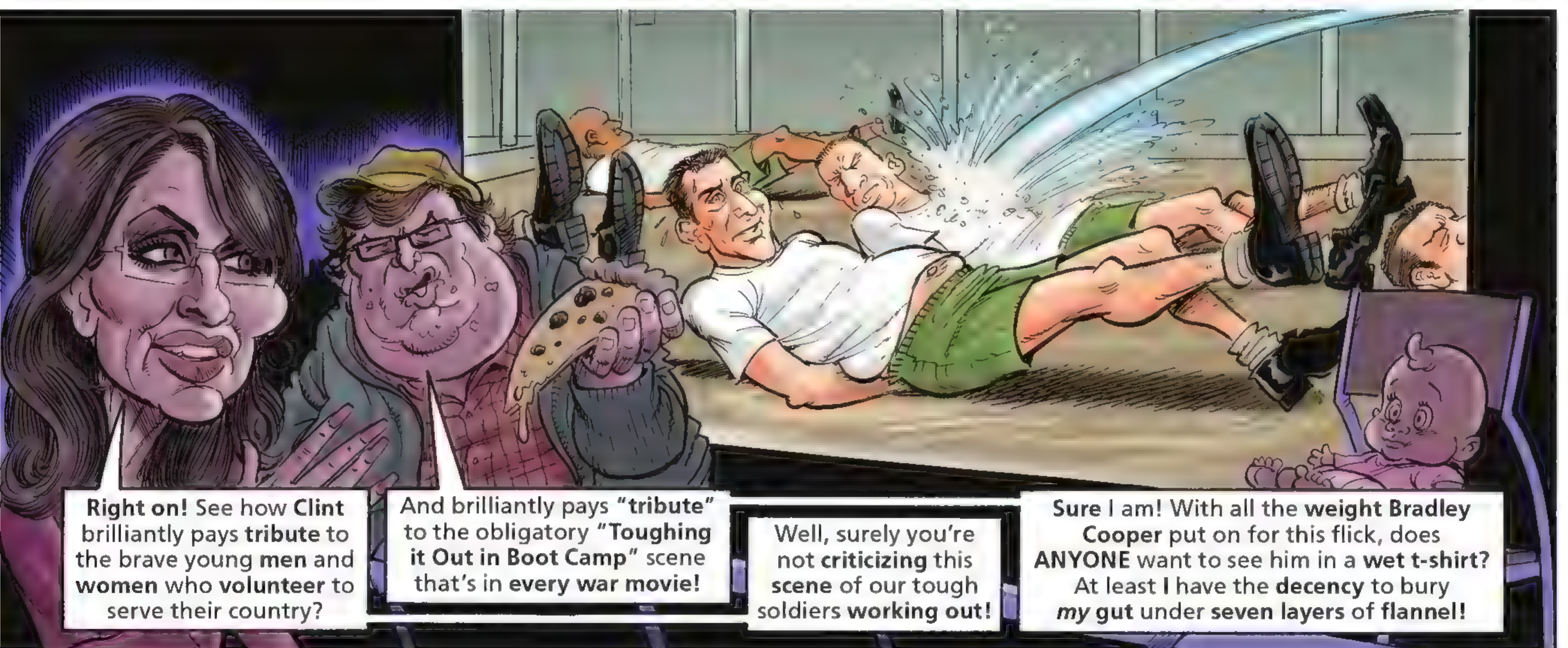
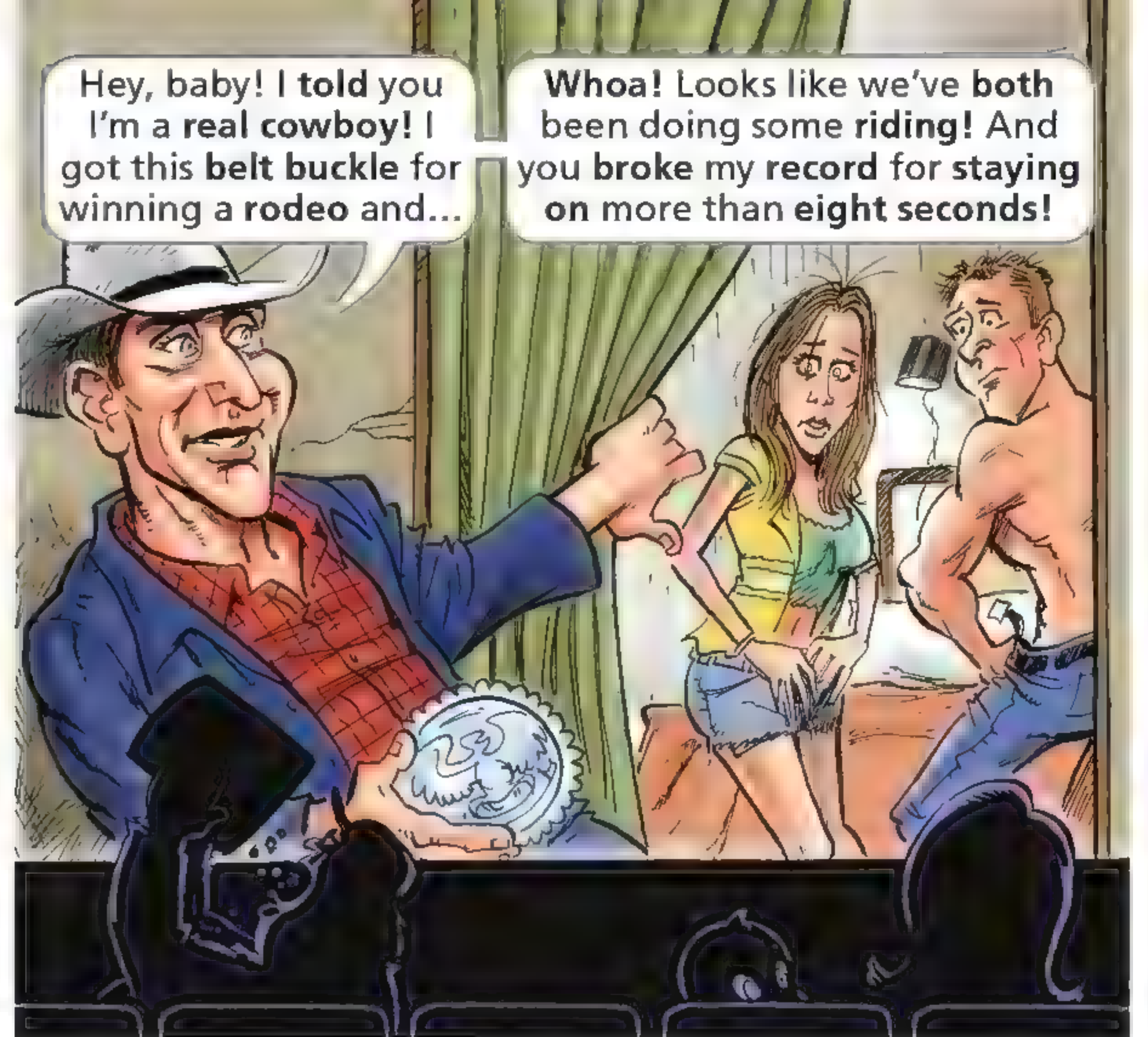
...but instead they got award-winning blowhard Michael Moore and former vice presidential candidate, former governor and future infomercial pitchwoman Sarah Palin! Still, they're hoping that in the spirit of bipartisanship they'll be able to put aside their political biases!

Let me begin by once again saying that when I tweeted that "Snipers are cowards" during the movie's opening weekend, I didn't say the EXACT title of the film, so CLEARLY I wasn't referring to it!

And if you believe that, you also believe that he's on an all-salad diet! Look, I got a lot to say, although talking about such sensitive subject matter is going to be real tough —

Mostly because Governor Palin has never successfully strung together two coherent sentences in her life!

Okay... why don't we just roll the film...







Well, even I have to give **Eastwood** credit here. This scene **brilliantly** shows how the **fog of war** forces a **soldier** to **wrestle** with a **complicated moral issue** about **potential threats** and **civilian targets**!

What complicated moral issue?
It's like I said — **shoot 'em all** and let **Allah** sort 'em out!

You know, for a **second** there I almost forgot you're the woman who thinks **hunting moose** from a **helicopter** is "**sporting**"!



Ugh, look at all these "**through the scope**" and **Steadicam** shots — **Eastwood** is depicting war like it's a **video game**!

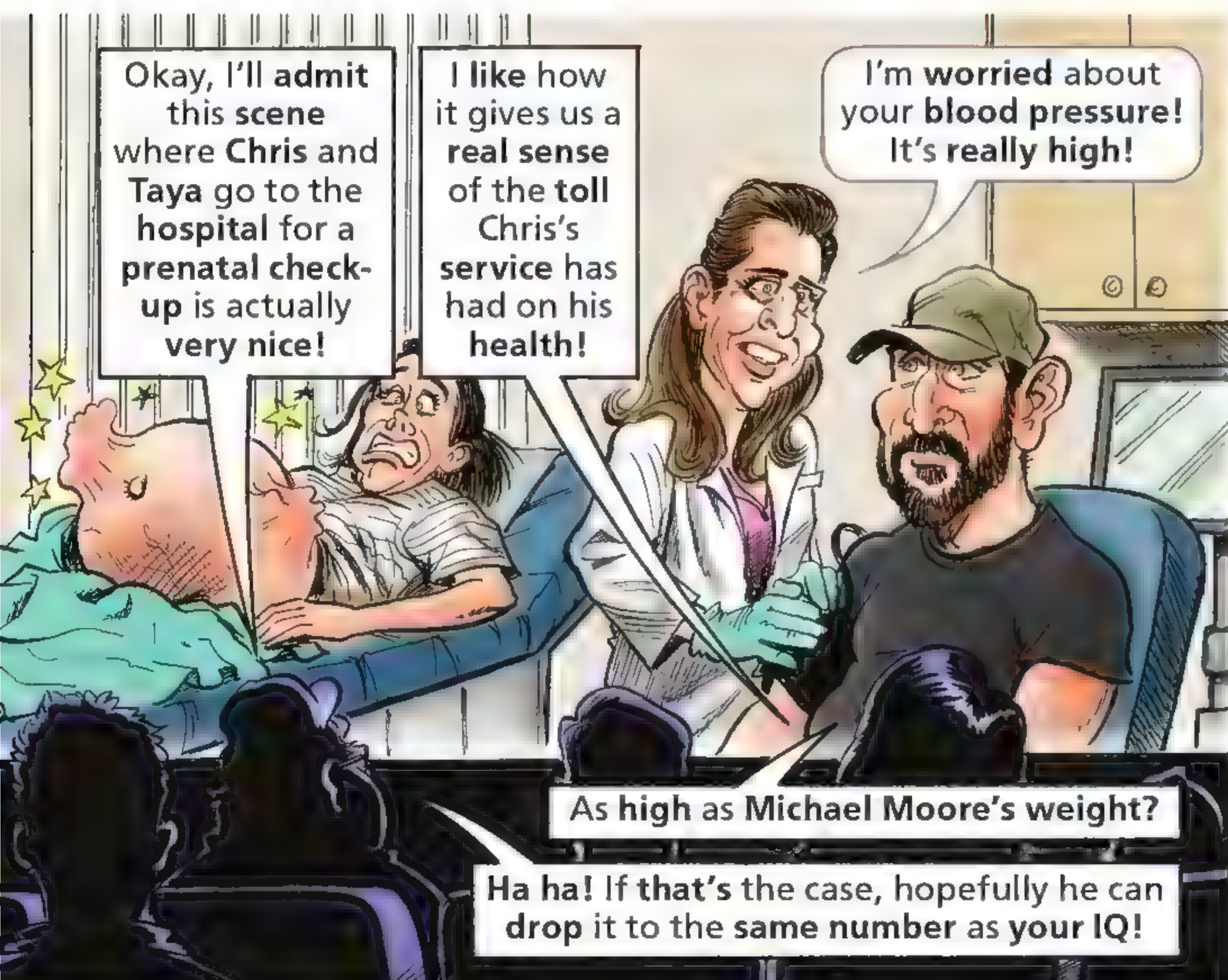
No, he's making the **combat** experience **realistic** so we as an audience get a sense of the **battlefield** without actually having to experience any **real danger**!

Combat and danger?
Two things I know something about!

Brian Williams?
What're you doing here in the middle of the day?

Ahem. I've got some **free time** on my hands...and let me just say that as a **war correspondent** I've been in **danger** many times. Like the time an **Iraqi sniper** shot me and I'd be dead were it not for an **Archie comic** in my **flak jacket** which stopped the **bullet**!

Hoo-boy — here we go again!



Okay, I'll admit this scene where **Chris** and **Taya** go to the **hospital** for a **prenatal check-up** is actually **very nice**!

I like how it gives us a **real sense** of the **toll** **Chris's** service has had on his **health**!

I'm worried about your **blood pressure**! It's **really high**!

As high as **Michael Moore's** weight?

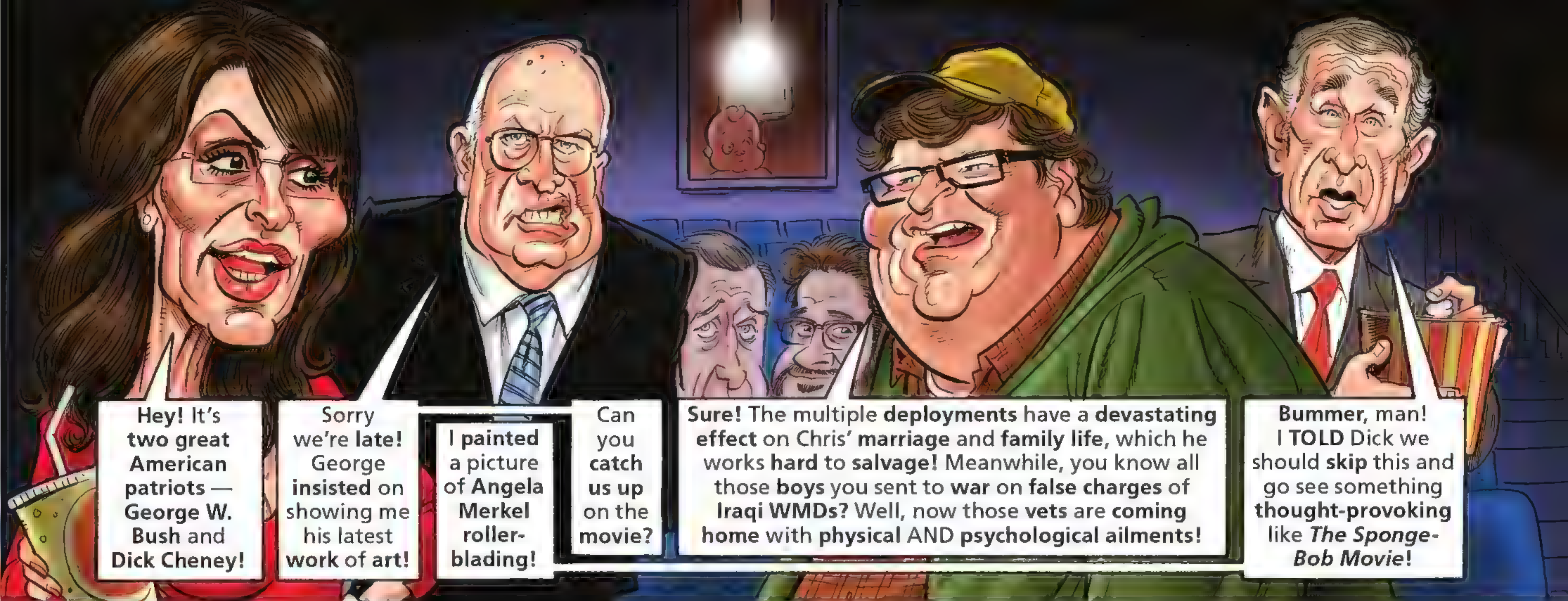
Ha ha! If that's the case, hopefully he can drop it to the same number as your **IQ**!



I need you home! I'm making my own memories here!

See? This is well done! But you liberals let your **political beliefs** distract you from the fact that this movie portrays a **war hero** as a **complicated man**!

No, what's distracting me is that **PLASTIC DOLL** he's holding! This is a **\$60 million** movie! Couldn't they've gotten a **baby** that didn't come from the **half-off shelf** at **Toys 'R' Us**?!



Hey! It's two great American patriots — George W. Bush and Dick Cheney!

Sorry we're late! George insisted on showing me his latest work of art!

I painted a picture of Angela Merkel roller-blading!

Can you catch us up on the movie?

Sure! The multiple deployments have a devastating effect on Chris' marriage and family life, which he works hard to salvage! Meanwhile, you know all those boys you sent to war on false charges of Iraqi WMDs? Well, now those vets are coming home with physical AND psychological ailments!

Bummer, man! I TOLD Dick we should skip this and go see something thought-provoking like *The Sponge-Bob Movie*!



There he is! Mustafa, the former Syrian Olympic shooter-turned-sniper, dead in my sight!

Ugh! See? This is fiction! Chris Kyle never killed Mustafa! Eastwood embellished all of this just so he could have a more exciting film!

Um, aren't you the one who used clever editing to make it look like you were handed a rifle inside a bank in *Bowling for Columbine*?

That's different! That was dramatic license!

In a documentary?

Shhhh! I'm trying to watch the movie! So exciting!



Chris, I have some good news and I have some bad news! I'm sorry to report that you and a lot of your friends have come home with both physical and mental wounds that will require intensive medical and psychiatric care.

That's awful, Doc! What's the good news?

Um...that was the good news! The bad news is, you guys are going to get that care from the incompetent, bureaucratic nightmare that is the VA!



Okay, I have to admit that was a lot more complicated and nuanced than its critics made it out to be! Kyle's story is moving and the end is just...tragic.

You know, here we are almost a decade after it began and we still aren't capable of talking about the Iraq War and its effects on America and its soldiers without everyone degrading to simplistic name-calling!

Isn't this great? Instead of fighting over their differences, these two political enemies were moved to stop their sniping, find common ground and learn to respect one another's viewpoints!

Ha! Not a chance! Unbelievable stuff like that only happens in the movies! Roll the credits!



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"Rand Paul's pandering is dangerous."
Dr. Sanjay Gupta

"I vaccinate my children and I vacillate on this issue."
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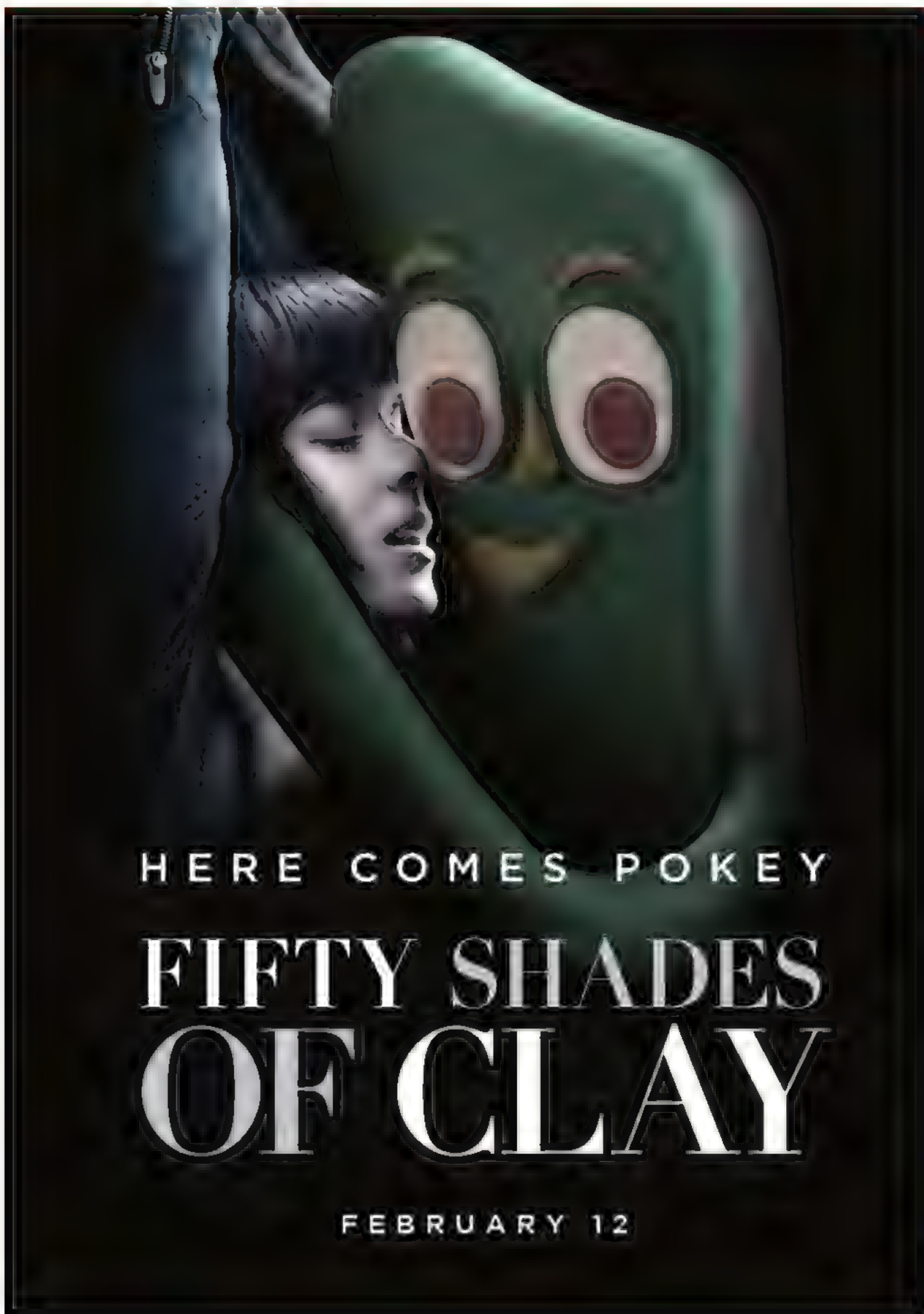
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A MAD EXCLUSIVE! THE FIRST DRAFT OF A-ROD'S APOLOGY LETTER

To the Fans,

I take full responsibility for the mistakes ~~I made in not better hiding my use of PEDs~~ that led to my suspension for the 2014 season. I regret that my actions made the situation worse for me than it needed to be, ~~though on the other hand, I was happy I didn't have to play another season next to that overrated douchebag Jeter.~~ To Major League Baseball, ~~which has a vendetta against me;~~ the lousy Yankees, the pathetic Steinbrenner family, the ~~traitorous~~ Players Association and you, the gullible fans, I can only say, ~~because my agent tells me I have to,~~ I'm sorry.

I ~~bitterly~~ accept the fact that many of you will not believe my ~~phony~~ apology or anything that I say at this point, ~~so I might as well keep lying.~~ I understand why and that's on me, but I'm still pissed that Big Papi gets a pass for his PED use in Boston. It was a good PR move and gracious of the Yankees to offer me the use of Yankee Stadium for this fake apology, but I decided that next time I am in Yankee Stadium, I should be in pinstripes doing my job, ~~and not working the concession stand which may be all I'm in shape to do now.~~

~~Because of that a-hole, Bud Selig,~~ I served the longest suspension in the history of the league for PED use. The ~~new idiot~~ Commissioner has foolishly said the matter is over, ~~knowing full well the media circus hasn't even started yet.~~ The clueless Players Association has said the same. The Yankees have said the next step is to play baseball, ~~though I'm sure they're hoping I'll get injured so they can collect on the insurance policy and be done with me once and for all.~~

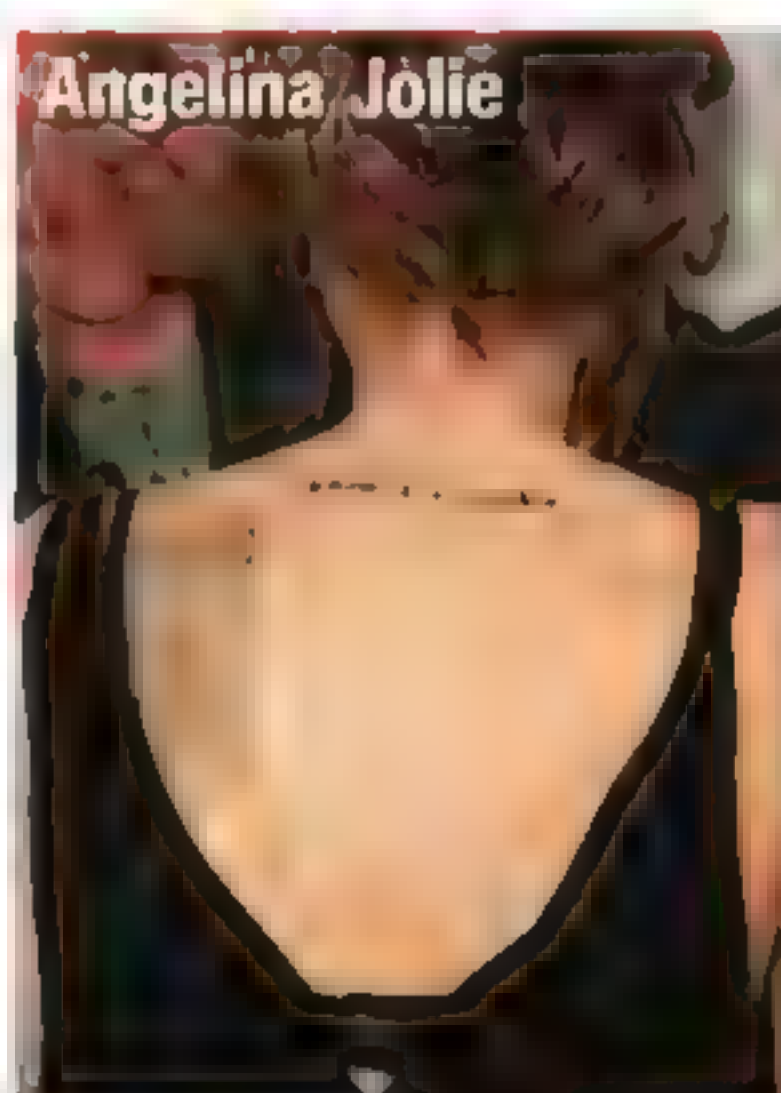
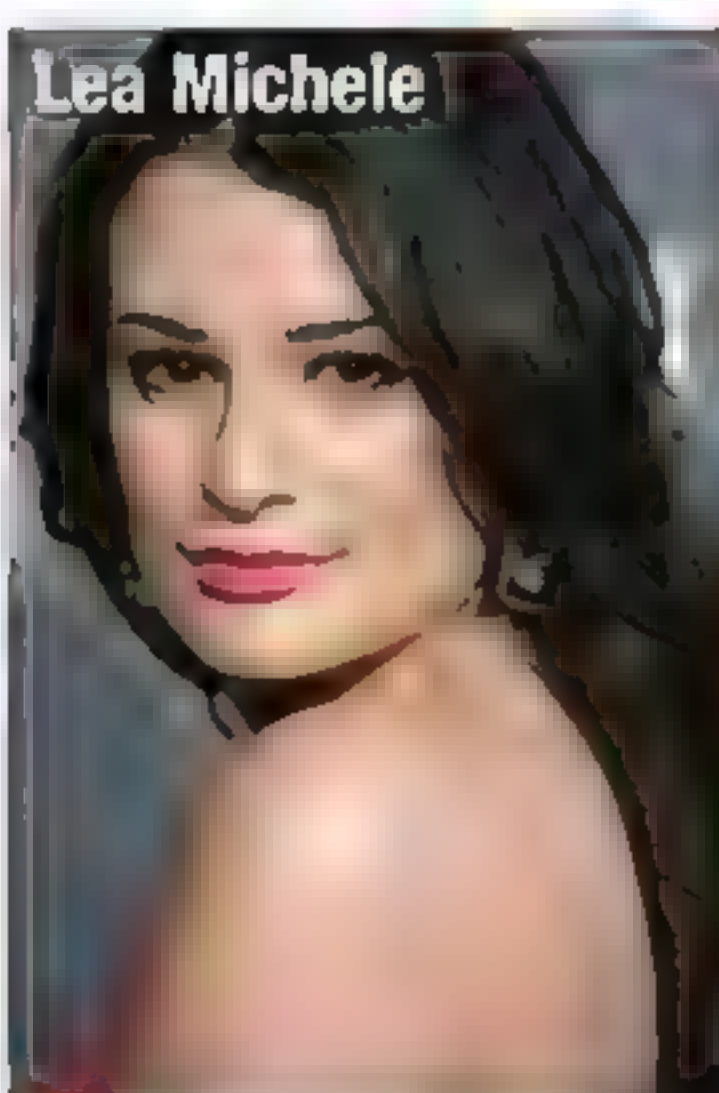
I'm ready to put this chapter behind me and play some ball ~~in the minor leagues or Japan.~~

This game has been my single biggest passion since I was ~~cheating~~ as a teenager. When I go to Spring Training, I will do everything I can to ~~not get caught taking PEDs yet again and to~~ be the best player and teammate possible, earn a spot on the Yankees and help us win ~~70 games this year.~~

Sincerely,
Alex

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4 New Posts



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Stan Brampley 15 minutes ago 42 responses



A Vapid Sponsored Post From A Company Desperate To Seem Cool

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**Nissan**



This Sriracha Queso Is Delicious And Incredibly Easy To Make

But you never will. You'll email it to yourself and forget about it almost immediately, you scatterbrained simp.

Megan Spoodle 8 minutes ago 9 responses



Man Breaks Down In Tears After Voicemail Message Left By His Late Wife 14 Years Ago Is Recovered

It's so heartwarming that you'll briefly forget we're cynically turning his grief into revenue-grabbing clickbait.

Mick Frickston 23 minutes ago 12 responses

ACCURATEBUZZFEED NEWS



Here's Our 1,272nd "Friends" Listicle Of The Month

Ed Blormly 15 responses



We Put A "Trashy" Tag On This NSFW Sex Pic To Make It Seem Less Skeevy To Link To

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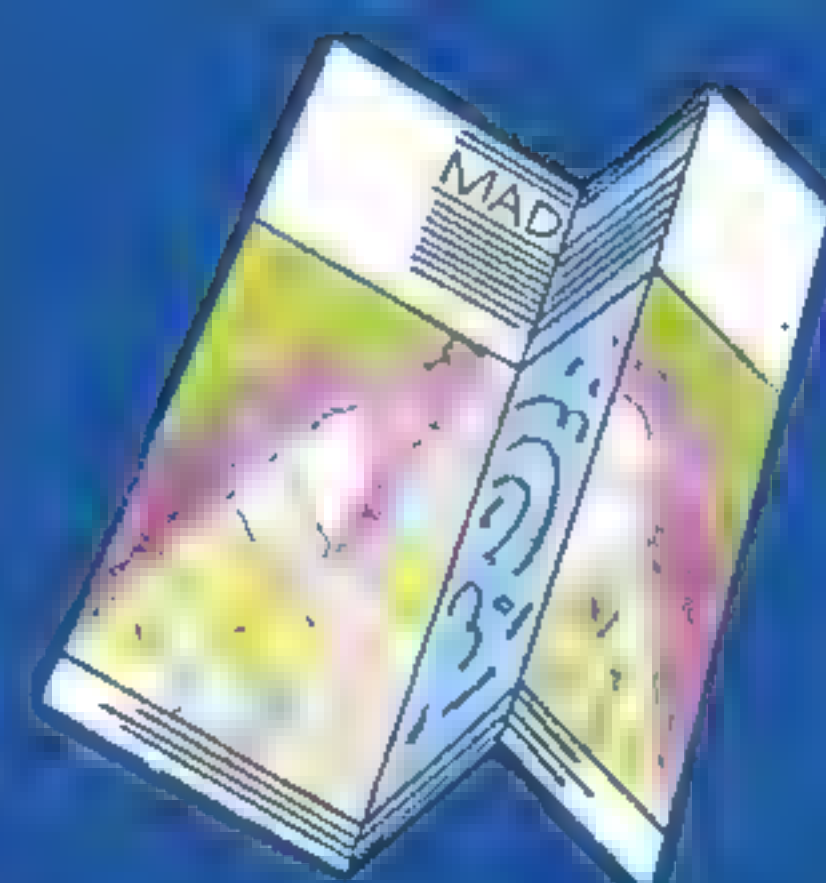
We Actually Paid An Artist To Age Scooby-Doo Characters — Thanks For The \$50 Million, Venture Capitalists!

Dan Hams 25 responses

**WHAT DEMEANING,
LOW-PAYING JOB
DO EXPERTS
AGREE IS A CAREER
DEAD END?**

HERE WE GO WITH ANOTHER RIDICULOUS **MAD FOLD-IN**

When you take a new job, you always hope that it will lead to something better — that it will help you turn a page. But sometimes you just end up in a binding situation with no chance for improvement. To find out what devastating job is a fast track to professional disaster and personal disappointment, fold page in as shown.



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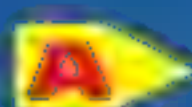
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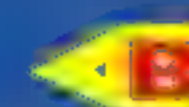
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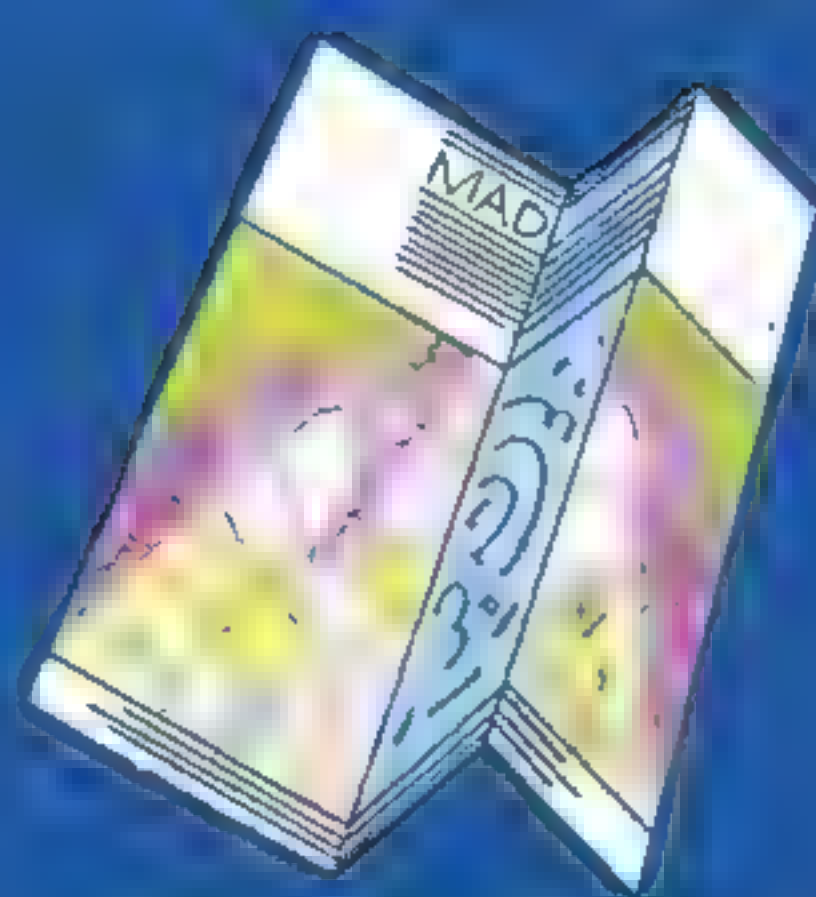
**GUESSING A JOB'S WORTH IS VERY HARD. WE ALL WANT
EDIFYING WORK. WE START OUT REACHING FOR DOCTOR OF
MEDICINE BUT WE GET GARBAGE COLLECTOR INSTEAD.
(THANKS TO ALL UNDERPAID FOLKS WHOSE WORK IS SO VITAL!)**



WRITER AND ARTIST: AL JAFFEE



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GUEST
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(THANKS AL!)

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For years, environmentalists have complained about the car exhaust that fills our lungs and pollutes the skies. But now there's a new source of highway pollution that makes us wanna puke! To find out what's contaminating our major roadways, fold page in as shown.

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BONUS!
A CLASSIC
MAD
FOLD-IN



**SOMETHING REALLY AWFUL IS SPREADING
RAPIDLY ON OUR HIGHWAYS. MANY PEOPLE WANT SPECIAL
PROTECTION FROM IT. POLITICIANS TRY TO FIGURE AND RE-
FIGURE THE PROBLEM BUT THEY JUST KEEP ON STALLING**

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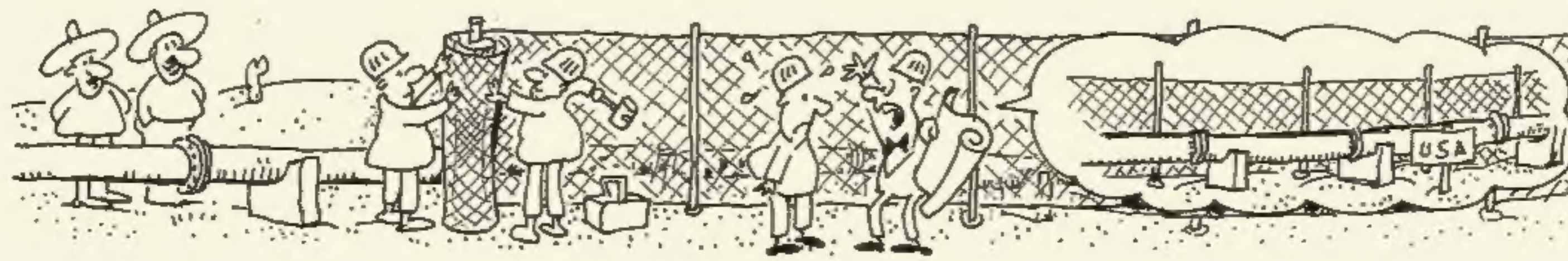
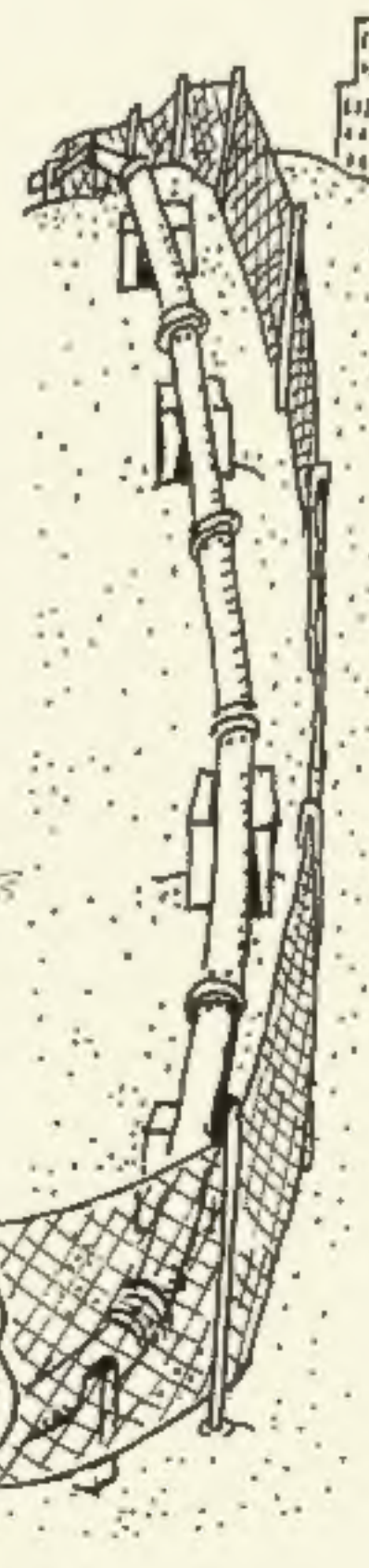
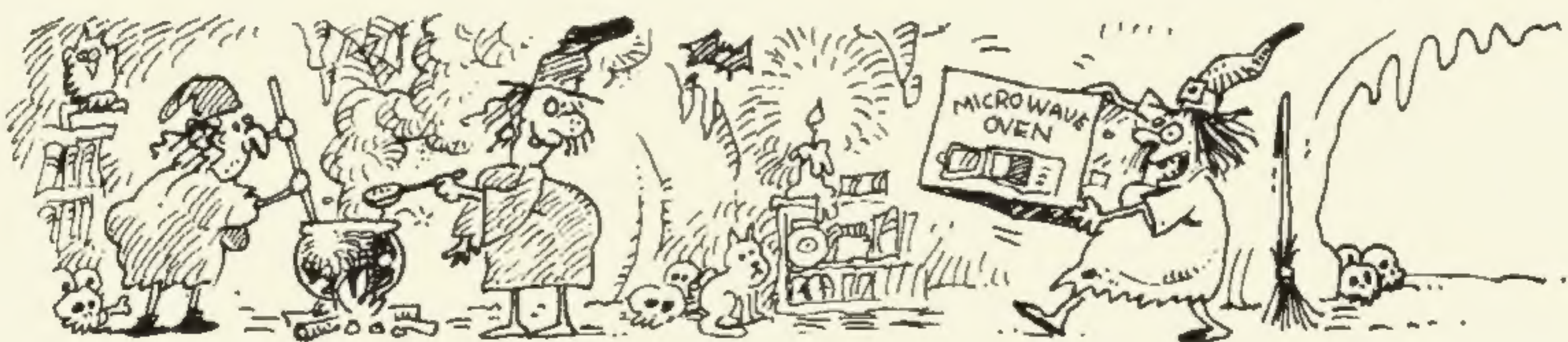
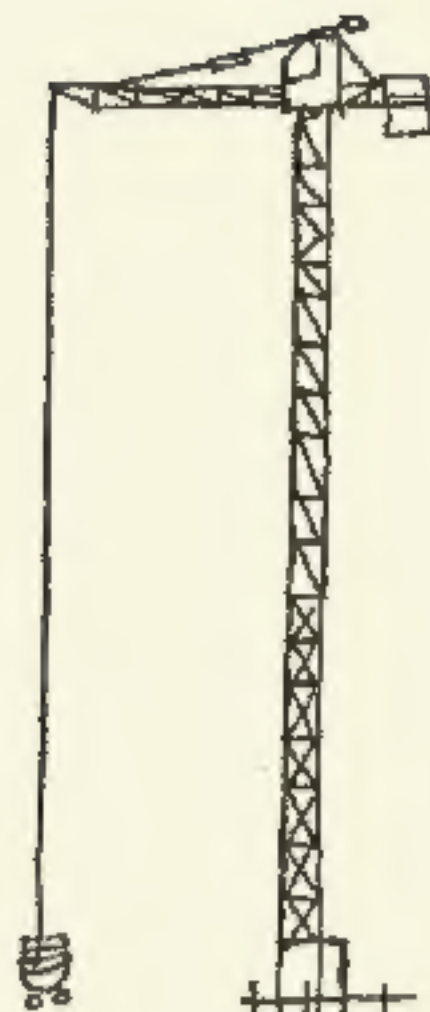
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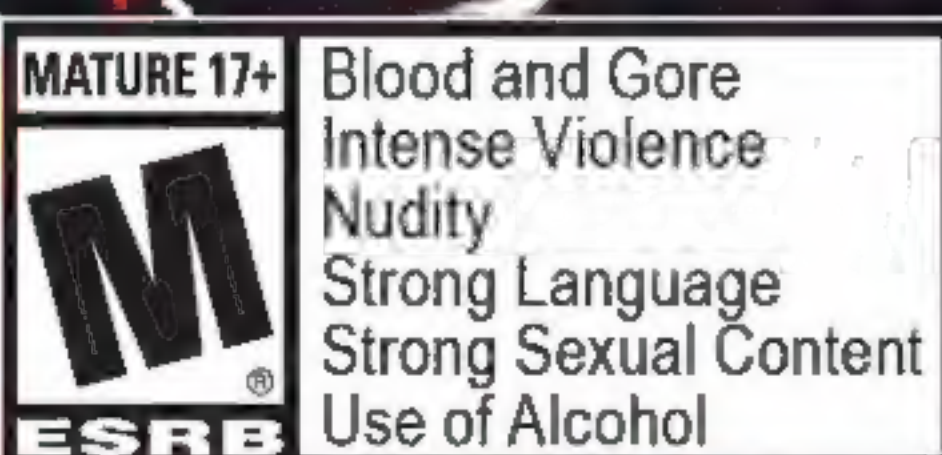
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